Archdiocesan Restructuring Workbook

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish

Plymouth

Planning Area 7

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About the Workbook

There are three sections of this workbook, each one equips priests and key parish leaders with essential data about:

1) The Archdiocese of Detroit
2) Your planning area
3) Your parish

This workbook serves as a planning resource to support thoughtful reflection on the current strengths and future opportunities for ministry and evangelization within each planning area.

Prayer for Archdiocesan Restructuring

Come, Holy Spirit.

Make your presence known as we restructure the parishes
and ministries of our archdiocese.

Be our light on the path we walk together.
Help us hear your voice in the quiet of our own hearts,
in the wisdom of others and in the world around us.

We know you are with us in every step of the process.
Give us clarity, understanding, and direction.
In all things, help us share the light of your love. Amen.

Ste. Anne, pray for us.
Blessed Solanus Casey, pray for us.
Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

Why Archdiocesan Restructuring?

Many parishes were built or grew in a time when Christian values and assumptions were the norm. Faith was inherited and the Church held cultural influence.

There is no doubt that the culture around us, both in the United States and locally in the Archdiocese of Detroit, has changed. The mission, however, has not; it has always been to “go and make disciples” (Matthew 28:19)

Why Archdiocesan Restructuring?

I dream of a "missionary option", that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today's world rather than for her self-perseveration.

Evangelii Gaudium, 27

Why Archdiocesan Restructuring?

The renewal of structures demanded by pastoral conversion can only be understood in this light, as part of an effort to make them more mission-oriented, to make ordinary pastoral activity on every level more inclusive and open, to inspire in pastoral workers a constant desire to go forth and in this way to elicit a positive response from all those whom Jesus summons to friendship with himself.

Evangelii Gaudium, 27

Archdiocesan Restructuring Process

Why?

As we move forward on mission, we must first address the challenges of our changing culture, which include demographic and financial shifts, a decline in the practice of the faith, and fewer priests serving our archdiocese. These challenges have resulted in limited resources to serve, sustain, and grow the Church in Detroit.

How?

The Archdiocesan Restructuring process will examine the existing Families of Parishes structure, as well as the structure of the Curia, to discern how we can be structured and how our resources can be best aligned "for the evangelization of today's world rather than for [our] self-preservation" (Evangelii Gaudium, 27).

Archdiocesan Restructuring Challenges

Our Goal for Restructuring

Develop a new pastorate model authored by the Holy Spirit that establishes a vibrant Catholic presence in every area of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Vibrant Parishes

Gospel renewal in our parishes and other ministry efforts

Flourishing Priests

Priests flourishing in their ministry to parishes and the greater community

Mission Ready

Secure a vibrant future for the Church of Detroit

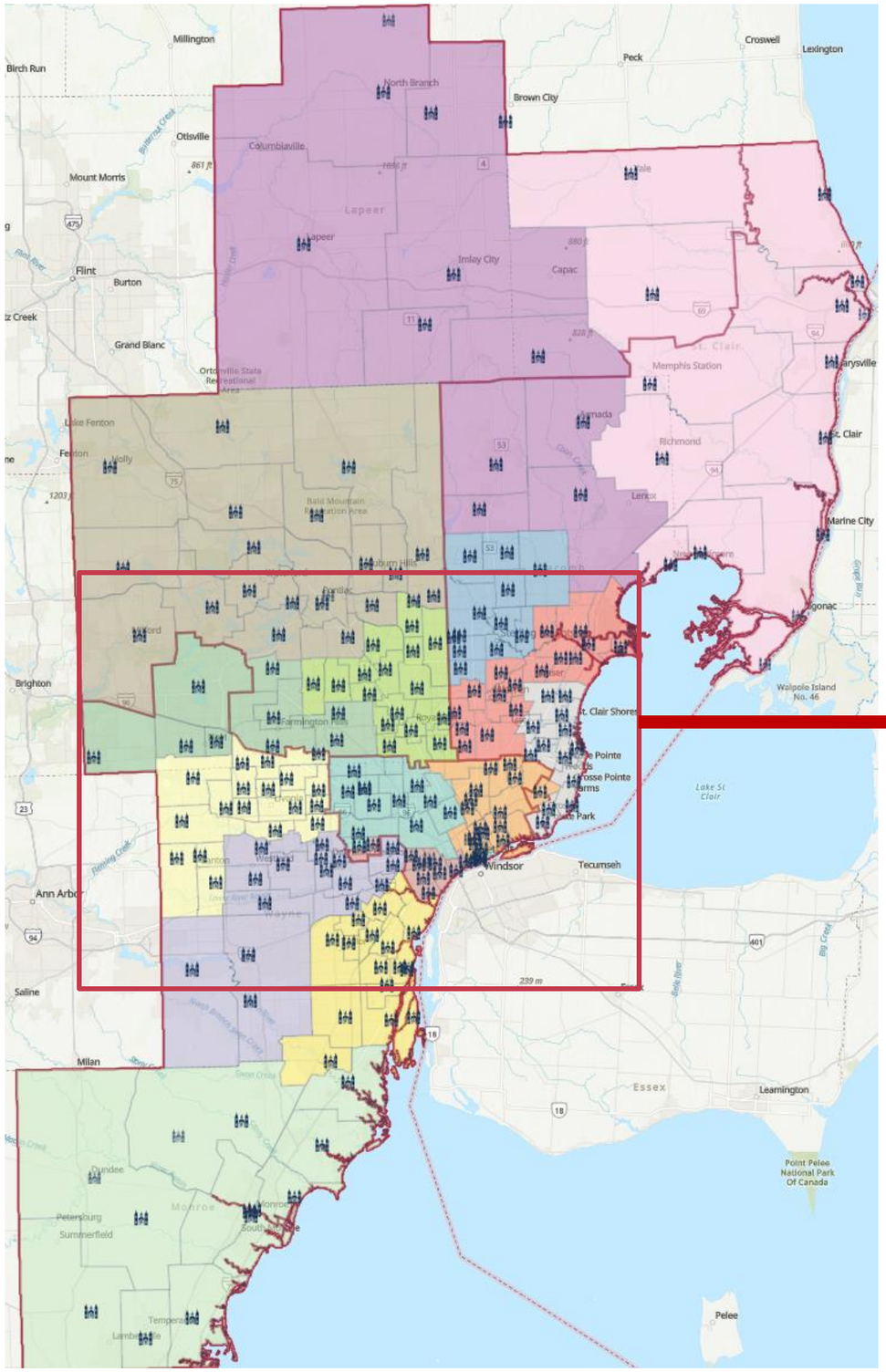
Section One

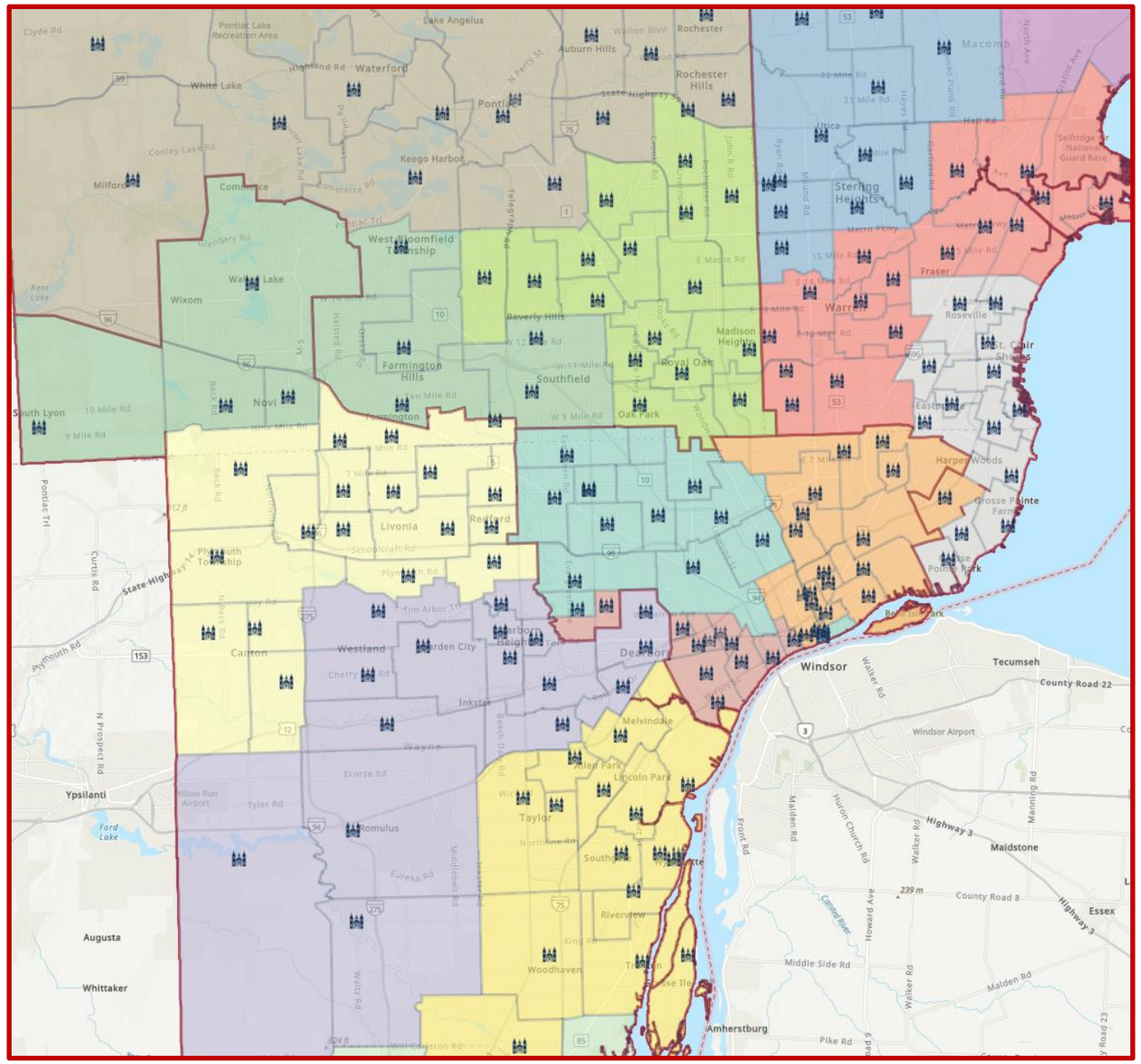
The Archdiocese of Detroit

About our Archdiocese

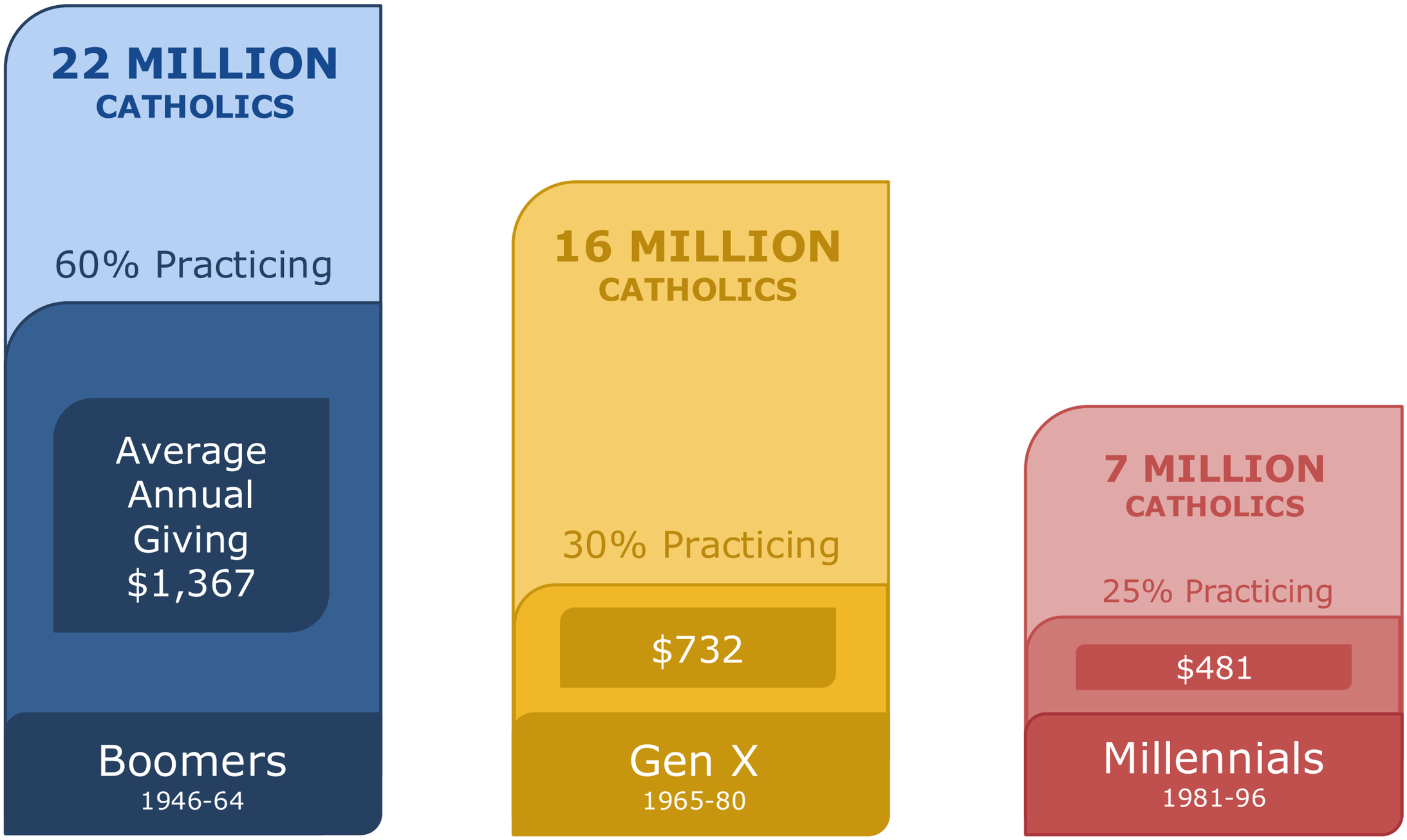
- The Archdiocese of Detroit is comprised of 209 parishes encompassing the City of Detroit and six surrounding counties – a large and diverse territory: urban, suburban and rural.
- Our local church has been declining for several decades as older Catholics move or die and there are insufficient number of young Catholics to take their place.
- This is best exemplified by the significant decline in the number of births and baptisms in our diocese.
- As our Catholic population has moved from the city to the near suburbs and from the near suburbs to the farther out suburbs, this has resulted in too few priests in large parishes and too many priests in small parishes.
- Our diocesan priests are aging and the number of priests to serve our Catholic population is declining.
- Over the past decade, Mass attendance has been on a steady decline. Despite a rebound from 2020 to 2024, Mass attendance remains 14.7% below pre-COVID levels.
- The current average rate of Mass attendance decline each year across the Archdiocese is 4%.

Our Territory for Evangelization



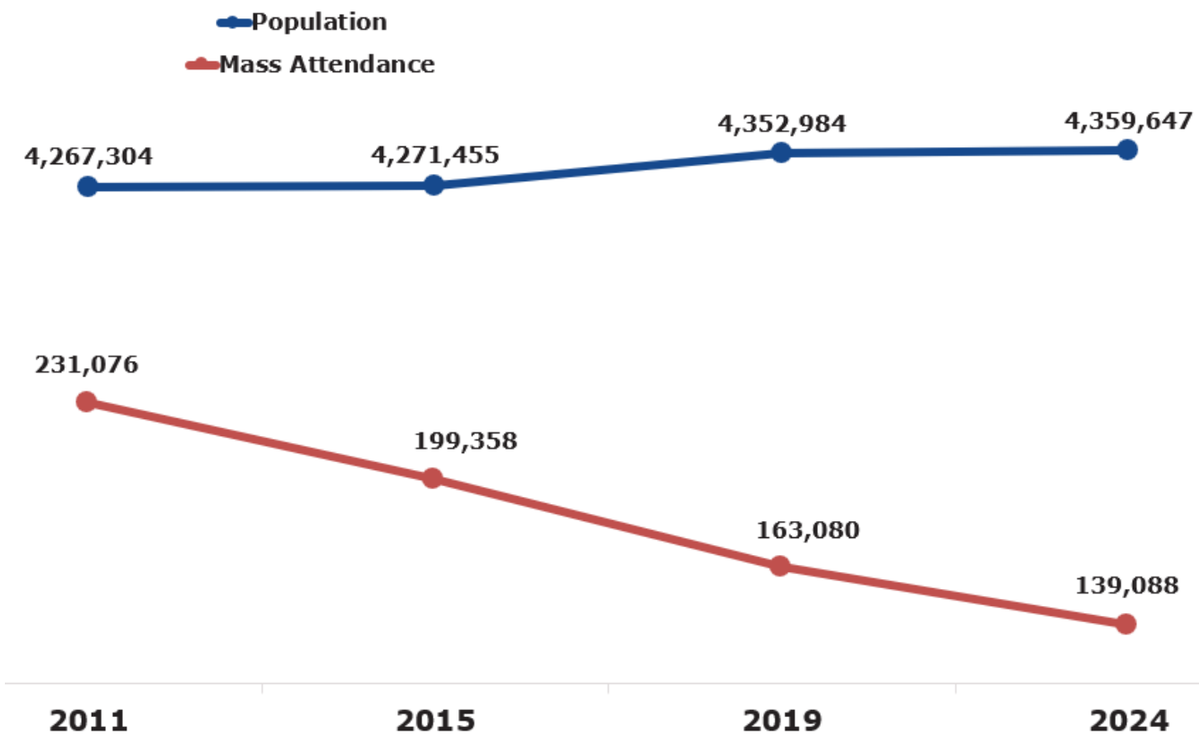


Nationally, Practice and Generosity are Declining with Each Generation



Source: Catholic Leadership Institute | CARA | Pew Research

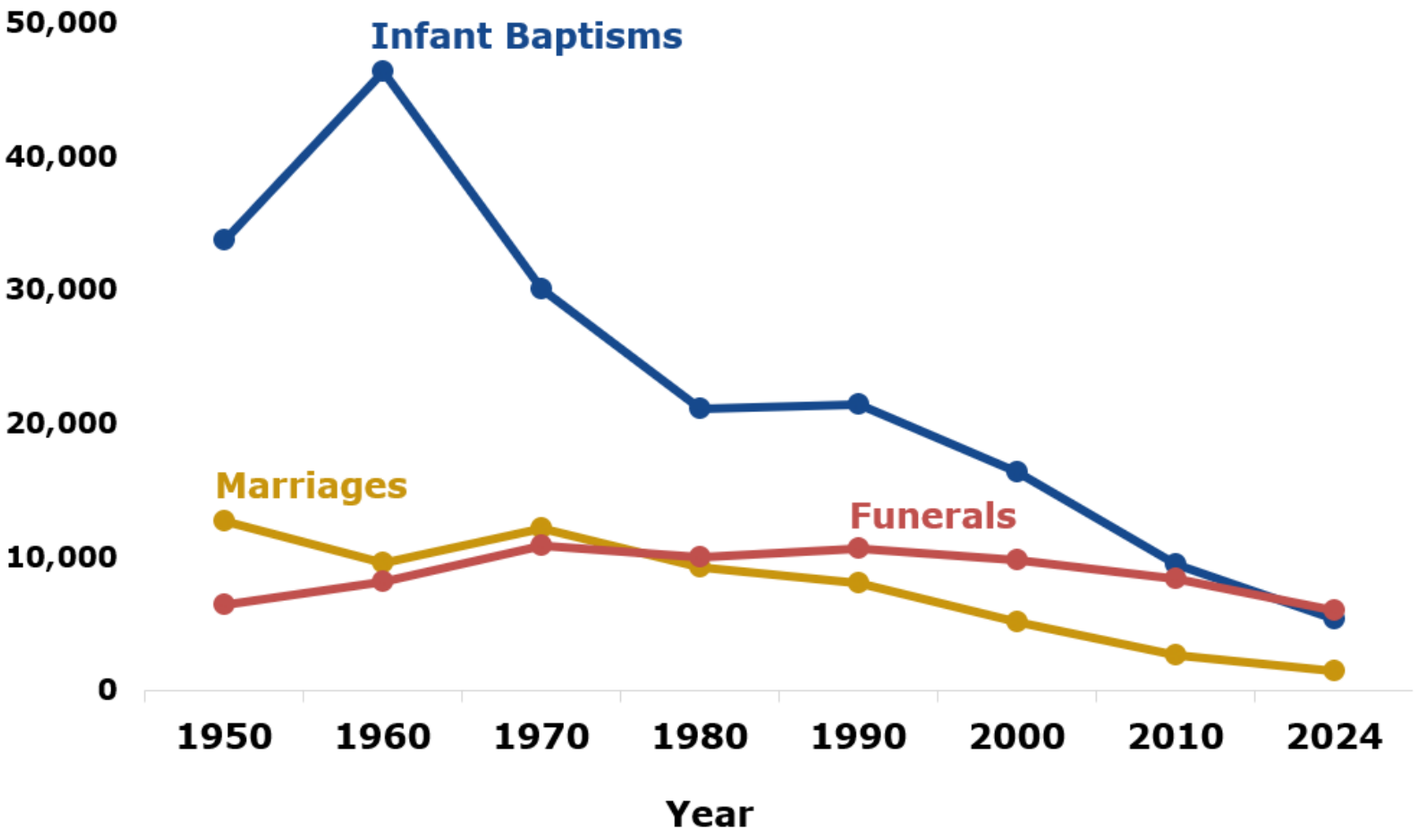
As Greater Detroit Population Grows, Regular Mass Attendance Continues to Decline



Population Source: Michigan Senate Fiscal Agency

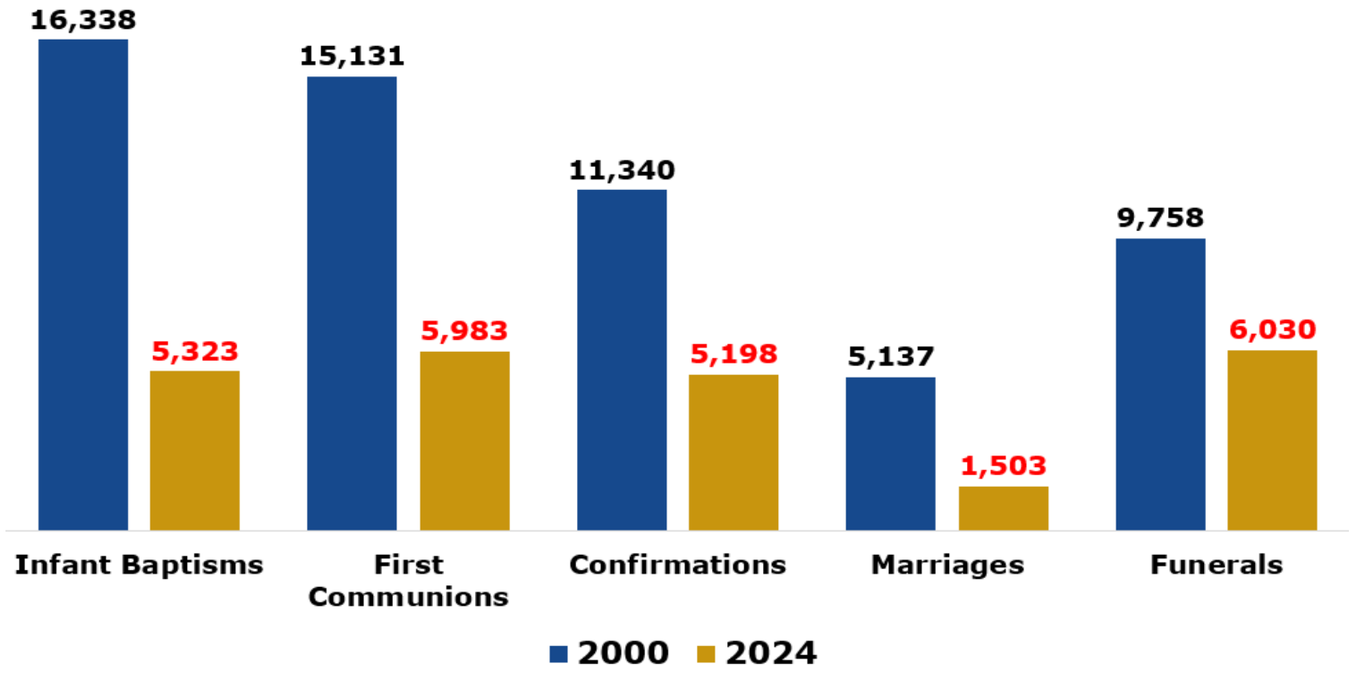
- **Mass attendance has declined by nearly 92,000 people since 2011, dropping from 231,076 to 139,088 by 2024 – a 40% decrease in just 13 years.**
- The decline is persistent across every period, not a one-time drop:
  - 2011 -> 2015: down 31,718 (-13.7%)
  - 2015 -> 2019: down 36,278 (-18.2%)
  - 2019 -> 2024: down 23,993 (-14.7%)
- On average, Mass attendance has fallen by about 4% per year, meaning roughly 1 in every 25 regular attendees is lost annually if the trend continues.
- At the current rate of decline, one-third of today's Mass-attending Catholics will no longer be attending within the next decade.
- In 2024, only 29% of pews were occupied across the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Our Church is Growing Older, Not Younger



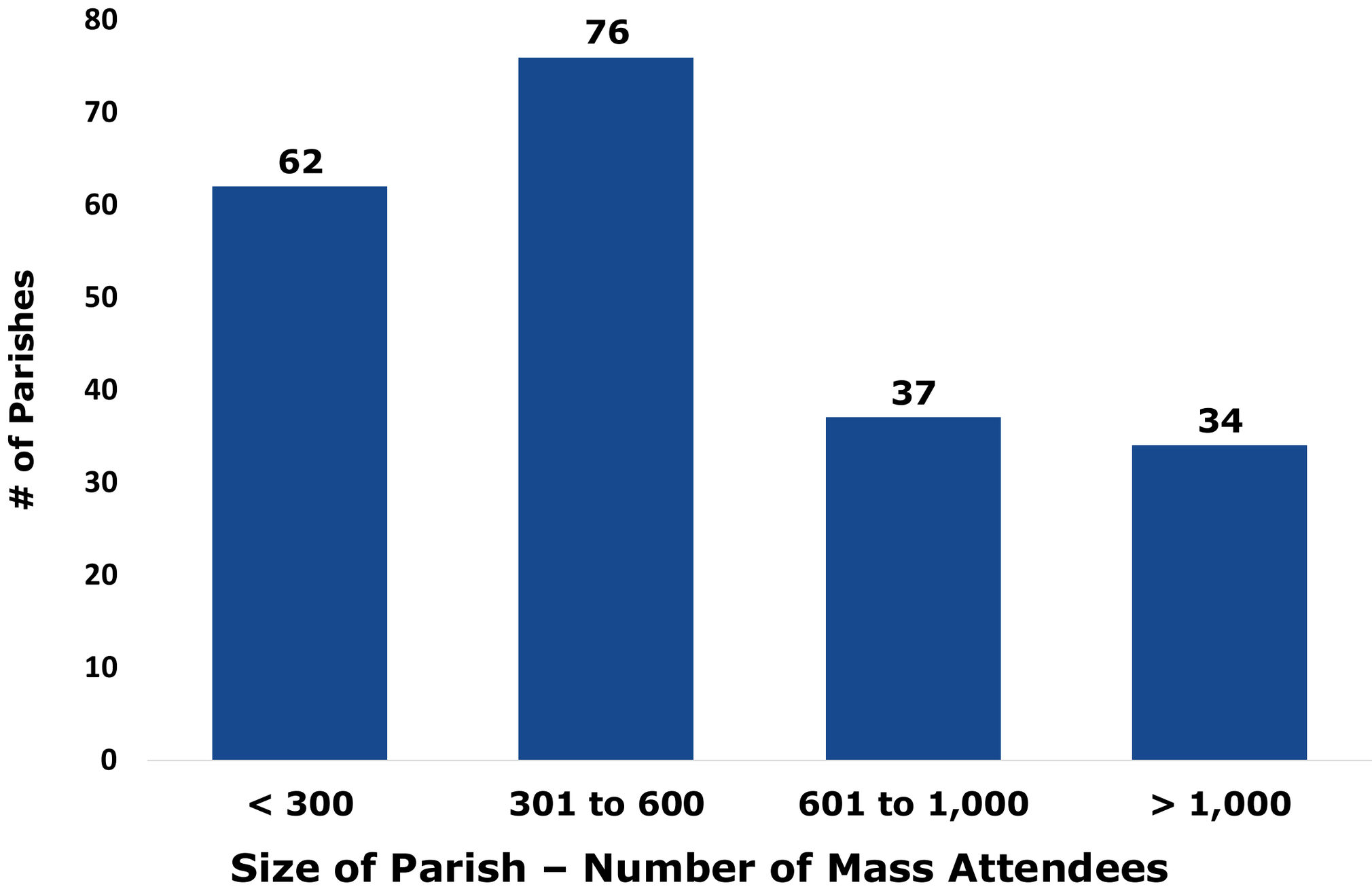
- Infant baptisms have declined the most dramatically—by roughly 60-70% from peak to present, showing a sharp and sustained drop after an early high point and signaling a major contraction in new families entering the Church sacramentally.
- Marriages have fallen by approximately 40-50% over the period shown, with a brief early increase followed by a steady, long-term decline, ending at their lowest level in the most recent year.
- Funerals have remained comparatively stable, fluctuating within roughly a 10-20% range, before tapering downward—indicating that overall sacramental life is increasingly weighted toward later stages of life rather than beginnings.

Funerals Now Exceed All Other Sacraments

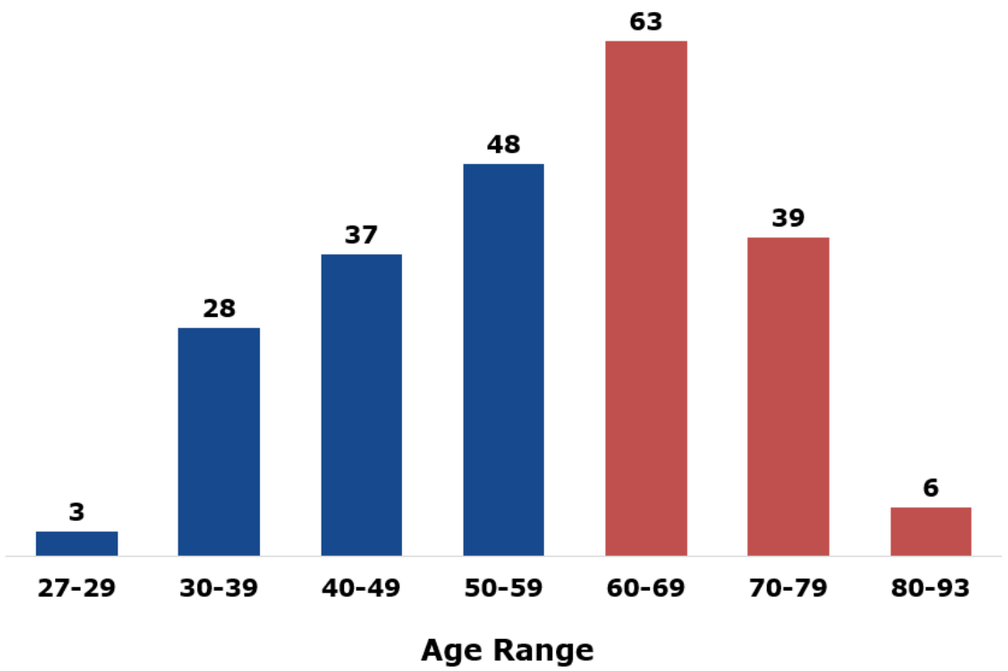


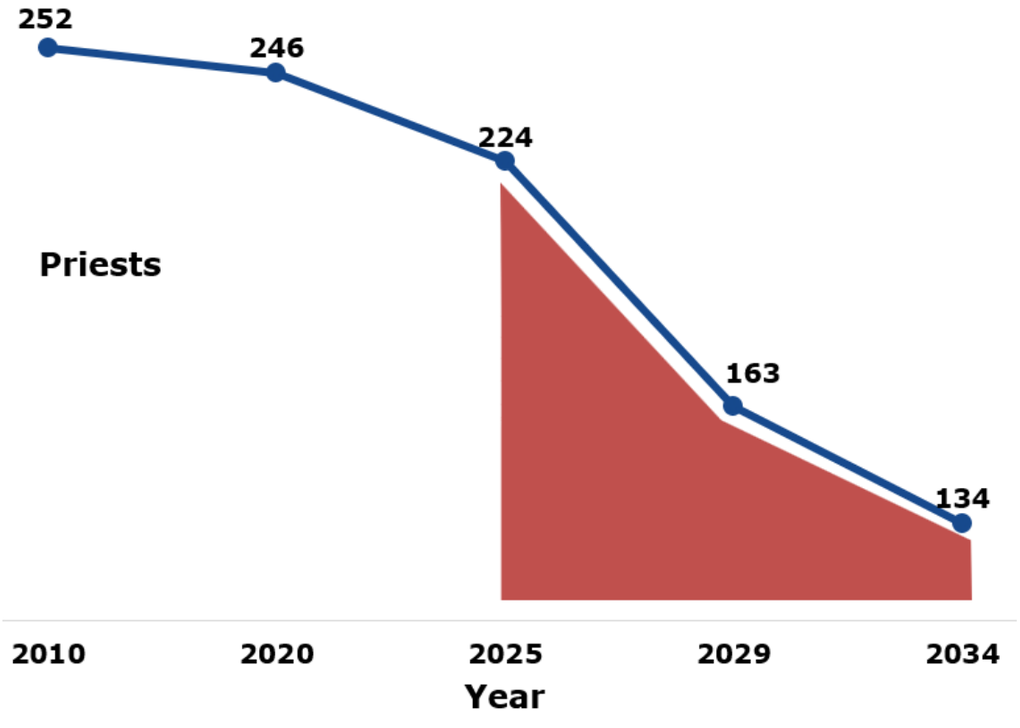
- Funerals now exceed every other sacrament at roughly 6,000 annually, surpassing baptisms, marriages, and confirmations individually.
- Baptisms and marriages remain at or below 5,000 per year, reinforcing earlier trends showing fewer people entering and forming within the Church.
- Sacramental life is increasingly concentrated at end-of-life, reflecting an aging Catholic population and a shrinking pipeline of new participants.

Today, 138 Parishes of 209 Have Under 600 Regular Mass Attendees



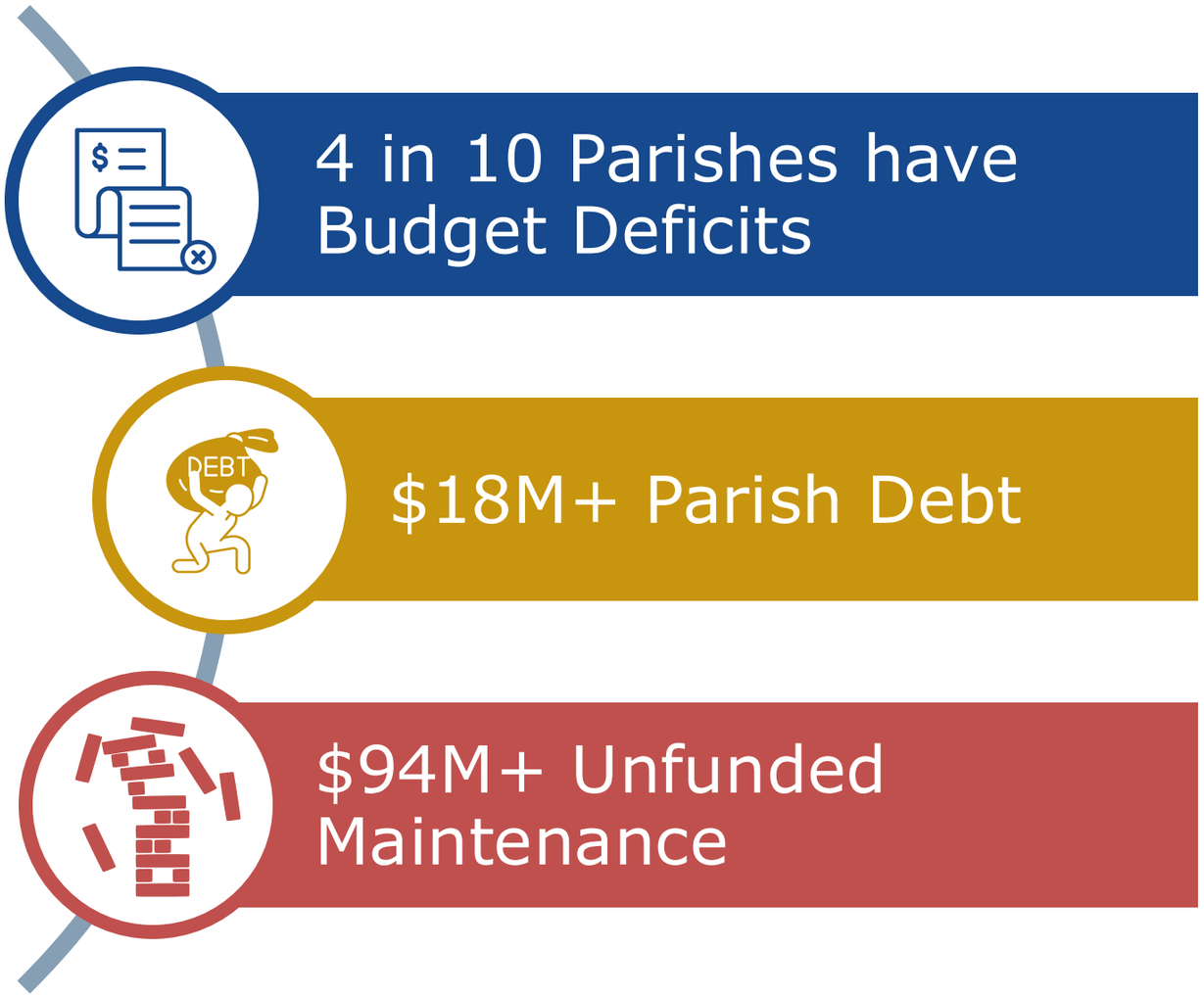
Projected Priest Supply Will Not Meet Demand





- Priests may retire from parish ministry at age 70 and must take senior status after age 80, which significantly reduces the future pool of available priests.
- The number of diocesan priests is projected to decline by roughly 25-30% over the next decade, while the diocese must continue to serve 209 parishes.
- As priests reach retirement age (70), projected supply falls below the total number of parishes, eliminating the feasibility of one priest per parish.
- The projected shortfall is equivalent to dozens of parish assignments, before accounting for parishes that require 2-3 priests.

Heavy Financial Burdens Limit Parish Freedom for Ministry and Evangelization



- With 4 in 10 parishes operating at a deficit, a growing share of parish leadership time and resources is focused on covering shortfalls rather than advancing pastoral mission.
- More than $18 million in parish debt and $94 million in unfunded maintenance are tying parish finances to buildings and past decisions instead of present evangelization and ministry.
- Financial strain increasingly directs parish energy toward sustaining facilities, limiting the capacity to invest in people, formation, and outreach central to the Church's mission.

Section Two

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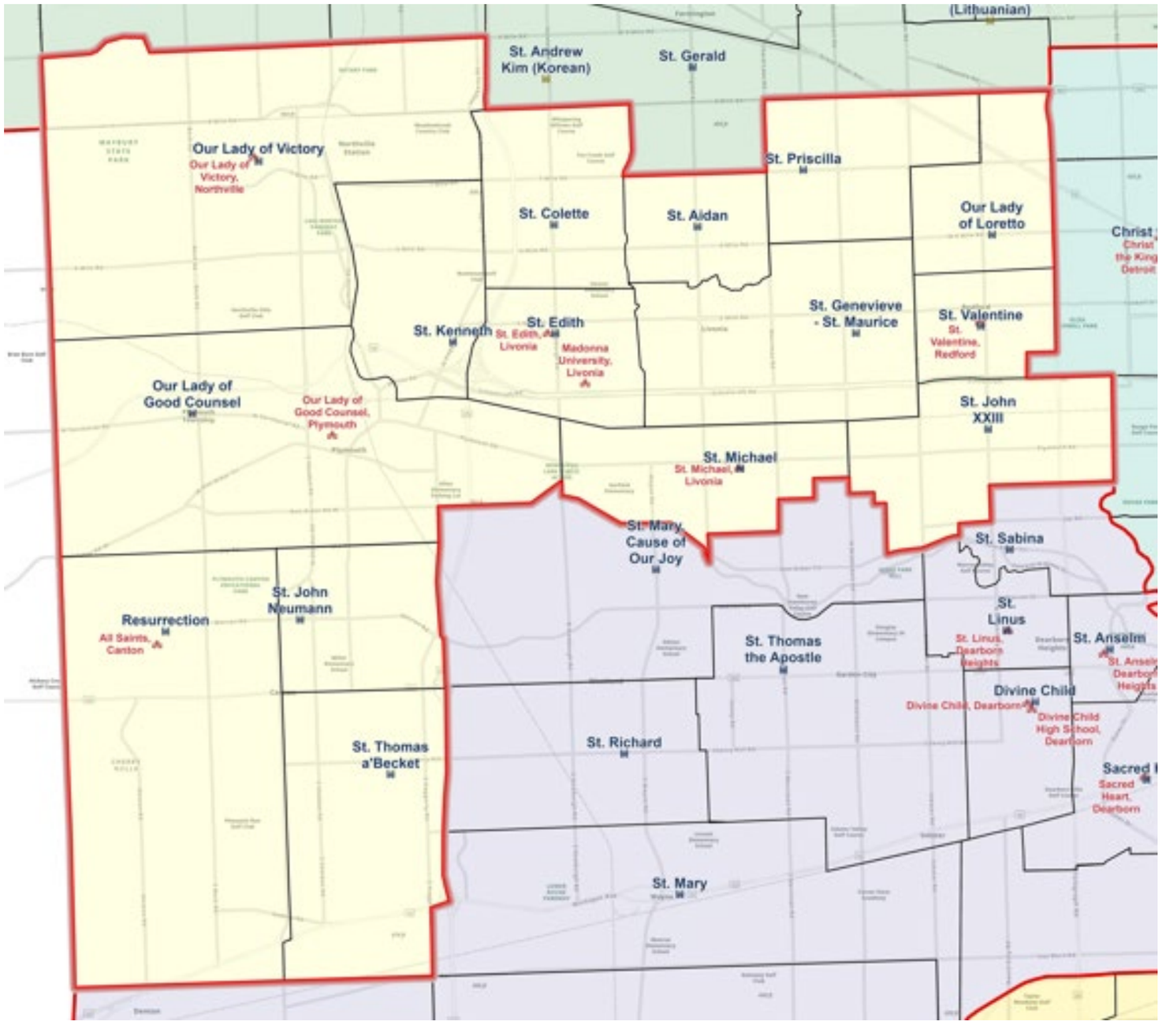

About Our Planning Area

- The planning area is located in the northern portion of Wayne County. Its boundaries run north–south from Nine Mile Road to Van Born Road and east–west from Napier Road to I-275 in the southern section and extends to Telegraph in the northern section.

- This planning area falls within the South Region of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

- The area includes 15 territorial parishes with a total of 15 worship sites and 5 schools. It is currently served by 13 Archdiocesan priests and 7 Religious/Extern priests.

- The planning area spans roughly 15 miles north to south, about a 30-minute drive from end to end. Parishes and church buildings are located close to one another; in general, they are no more than 5 miles apart.

Demographic Trends

- Total population has increased by 3% since the 2010 census.
- Registered Catholic households have decreased 19% since 2010.
- 7.2% of total households in the area are registered Catholic, which is higher than the archdiocesan average of 5%.
- Median age is 42.7 years (up 2 years since 2010).
- Median household income in the area is $97,511, which is higher than the archdiocesan average of $72,109.
- The area's racial makeup has become more diverse, with the diversity index rising from 39 to 55 (+16 points) since 2010.

US Census Data

Parish Name	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black/African American	Hispanic /Latino	Native American	Other Race	Two or More Races	White
Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish	3.7%	2.3%	3.1%	0.1%	0.9%	5.8%	87.2%
Our Lady of Loretto Parish	0.7%	46.0%	4.5%	0.1%	1.5%	7.3%	44.4%
Our Lady of Victory Parish	19.0%	3.1%	3.7%	0.1%	0.9%	4.8%	71.9%
Resurrection Parish	23.3%	7.7%	4.0%	0.1%	0.1%	7.0%	61.8%
St. Aidan Parish	2.9%	2.5%	4.4%	0.1%	1.3%	6.5%	86.6%
St. Colette Parish	5.3%	1.7%	2.9%	0.2%	0.5%	4.8%	87.4%
St. Edith Parish	0.4%	6.5%	1.4%	0.0%	0.4%	0.7%	91.9%
St. Genevieve - St. Maurice Parish	2.3%	5.4%	4.4%	0.0%	2.0%	6.1%	84.2%
St. John Neumann Parish	13.1%	10.2%	4.9%	0.0%	0.5%	5.2%	71.1%
St. John XXIII Parish	0.9%	53.5%	4.6%	0.4%	1.3%	4.2%	39.7%
St. Kenneth Parish	6.8%	3.2%	2.0%	0.2%	0.3%	2.8%	86.7%
St. Michael Parish	1.6%	1.5%	3.7%	0.6%	0.4%	7.8%	88.2%
St. Priscilla Parish	6.3%	20.1%	7.3%	0.1%	2.4%	8.3%	62.7%
St. Thomas a'Becket Parish	19.5%	11.3%	4.5%	0.3%	0.5%	5.0%	63.4%
St. Valentine Parish	0.3%	58.6%	7.4%	0.7%	0.3%	2.8%	37.2%

Source: ACS 2023 (5 Year Average)

US Census Data

Parish Name	Under Age 5	Age 5-19	Age 20-24	Age 25-34	Age 35-54	Age 55-64	Age 65+
Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish	5.9%	17.5%	4.7%	10.6%	25.0%	16.0%	20.3%
Our Lady of Loretto Parish	5.6%	16.6%	5.1%	20.5%	25.2%	14.9%	12.0%
Our Lady of Victory Parish	4.6%	20.8%	4.4%	9.4%	28.4%	16.5%	15.9%
Resurrection Parish	6.2%	21.4%	5.6%	9.7%	28.9%	14.5%	13.6%
St. Aidan Parish	4.5%	17.0%	5.0%	9.2%	21.4%	15.6%	27.2%
St. Colette Parish	3.9%	15.4%	4.2%	8.6%	22.2%	16.8%	28.9%
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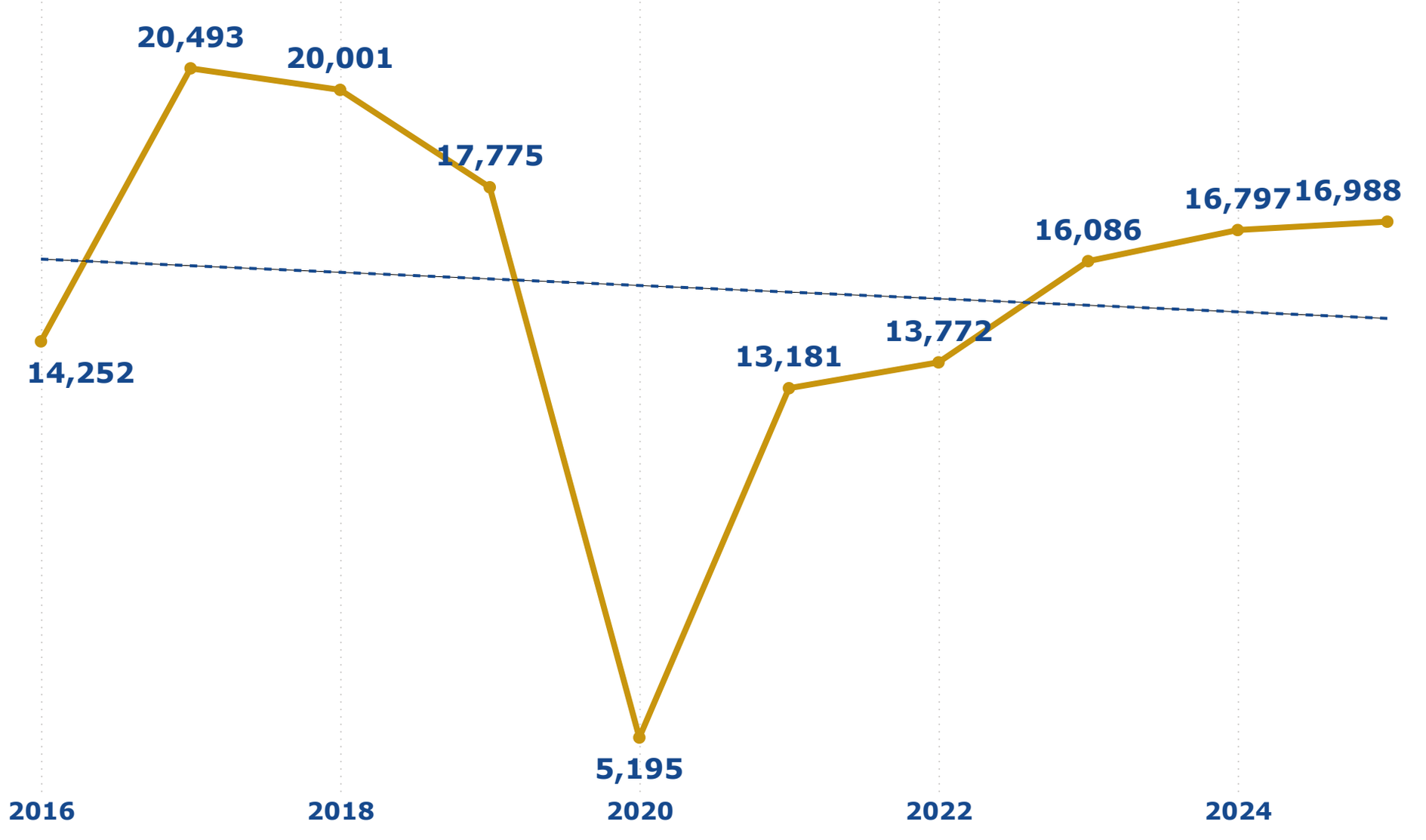
St. Kenneth Parish	3.4%	14.4%	4.6%	10.8%	23.3%	16.8%	26.7%
St. Michael Parish	7.0%	13.2%	4.2%	14.9%	26.6%	15.9%	18.2%
St. Priscilla Parish	4.8%	19.4%	5.8%	13.9%	25.2%	13.0%	18.0%
St. Thomas a'Becket Parish	6.1%	18.6%	5.3%	12.9%	29.3%	11.8%	16.0%
St. Valentine Parish	3.5%	18.8%	4.4%	11.6%	26.4%	15.6%	19.7%

Source: ACS 2023 (5 Year Average)

Planning Area Mass Count Trend



Mass Count and Capacity (2024)

Parish Name	Worship Sites	Mass Count	Weekend Masses	Seating Capacity	Seating Capacity per Mass*
Our Lady of Victory Parish	1	2,643	4	770	86%
Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish	1	2,598	5	1,500	35%
St. Thomas a'Becket Parish	1	1,875	4	900	52%
St. Kenneth Parish	1	1,749	4	775	56%
St. John Neumann Parish	1	1,433	5	620	46%
St. Michael Parish	1	1,243	4	1,200	26%
St. Edith Parish	1	1,035	4	1,100	24%
St. Colette Parish	1	968	4	900	27%
St. Aidan Parish	1	793	4	650	31%
St. Valentine Parish	1	563	3	450	42%
St. Genevieve - St. Maurice Parish	1	486	3	1,170	14%
St. Priscilla Parish	1	463	4	550	21%
Resurrection Parish	1	401	3	350	38%
Our Lady of Loretto Parish	1	329	2	445	37%
St. John XXIII Parish	1	218	3	296	25%

*(Seating Capacity × Weekend Masses) ÷ Total Mass Count

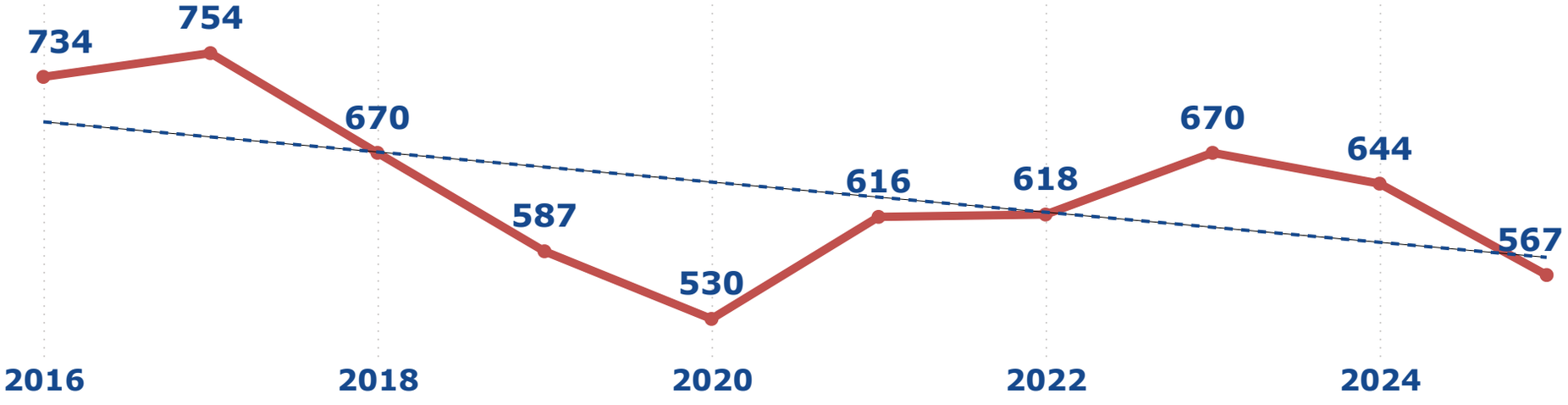
Where Parishioners Live

Parish Name	Within Parish Boundary	Within Parish (%)	Within Region Boundary	Within Region (%)	Outside Region Boundary	Outside Region (%)
Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish	1,645	45%	1,577	44%	394	11%
Our Lady of Loretto Parish	161	44%	185	51%	19	5%
Our Lady of Victory Parish	1,735	57%	1,056	35%	253	8%
Resurrection Parish	260	49%	223	42%	50	9%
St. Aidan Parish	347	25%	928	67%	107	8%
St. Colette Parish	480	35%	845	62%	41	3%
St. Edith Parish	682	27%	1,705	67%	145	6%
St. Genevieve - St. Maurice Parish	391	59%	236	36%	34	5%
St. John Neumann Parish	425	32%	849	65%	41	3%
St. John XXIII Parish	123	57%	79	37%	13	6%
St. Kenneth Parish	732	26%	1,921	69%	133	5%
St. Michael Parish	339	26%	918	71%	38	3%
St. Priscilla Parish	289	46%	297	47%	40	6%
St. Thomas a'Becket Parish	931	33%	1,773	63%	126	4%
St. Valentine Parish	313	40%	414	53%	51	7%

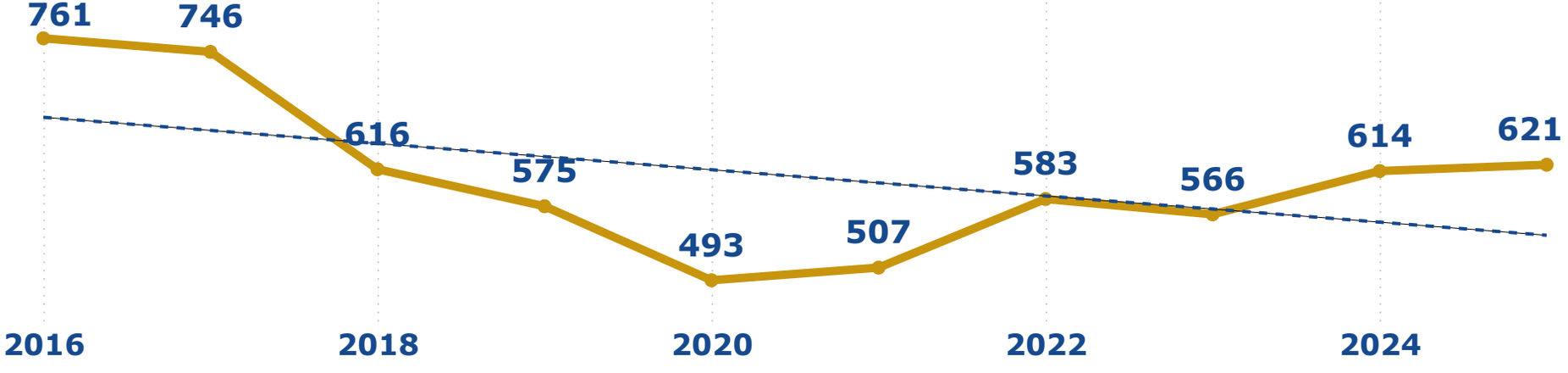
Region references the four administrative areas of the AOD-Central, South, Northwest, Northeast

Planning Area Baptisms and Funerals

Funerals



Baptisms



Sacramental Activity (2024)

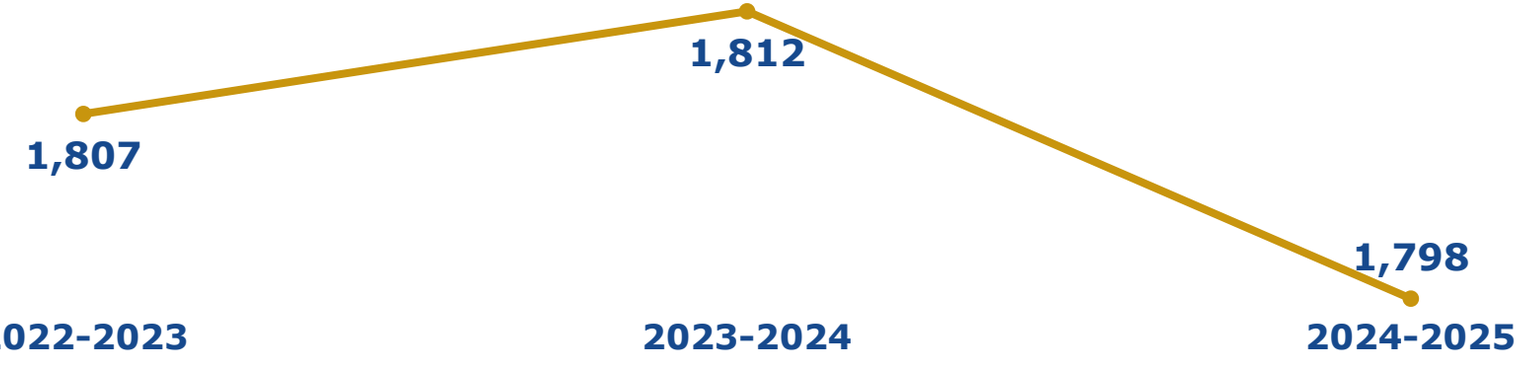
Parish Name	Funerals	Baptisms	Marriages	Confirmations	First Communions	OCIA*
Our Lady of Victory Parish	70	107	23	96	109	7
Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish	53	93	32	78	96	20
St. Edith Parish	78	71	15	46	69	12
St. Thomas a'Becket Parish	64	68	12	81	68	7
St. Kenneth Parish	92	67	28	64	68	5
St. Michael Parish	27	58	5	58	75	9
St. Aidan Parish	45	34	4	17	12	3
St. Valentine Parish	25	25	4	15	17	2
St. John Neumann Parish	41	21	4	27	33	4
Resurrection Parish	11	18	0	10	8	8
St. Colette Parish	57	18	2	22	13	0
St. Genevieve - St. Maurice Parish	21	15	8	14	9	6
St. Priscilla Parish	17	12	2	3	2	9
Our Lady of Loretto Parish	34	4	0	5	1	1
St. John XXIII Parish	9	3	0	0	0	0

*OCIA includes adult baptisms, communions, and confirmations.

Planning Area School Enrollment

Parish and School	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish			
Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish School	457	452	470
Our Lady of Victory Parish			
Our Lady of Victory School	500	501	490
St. Edith Parish			
St. Edith Catholic School	220	232	227
St. Michael Parish			
St. Michael the Archangel Catholic School	470	484	495
St. Valentine Parish			
St. Valentine School	160	143	116

School Enrollment Trend



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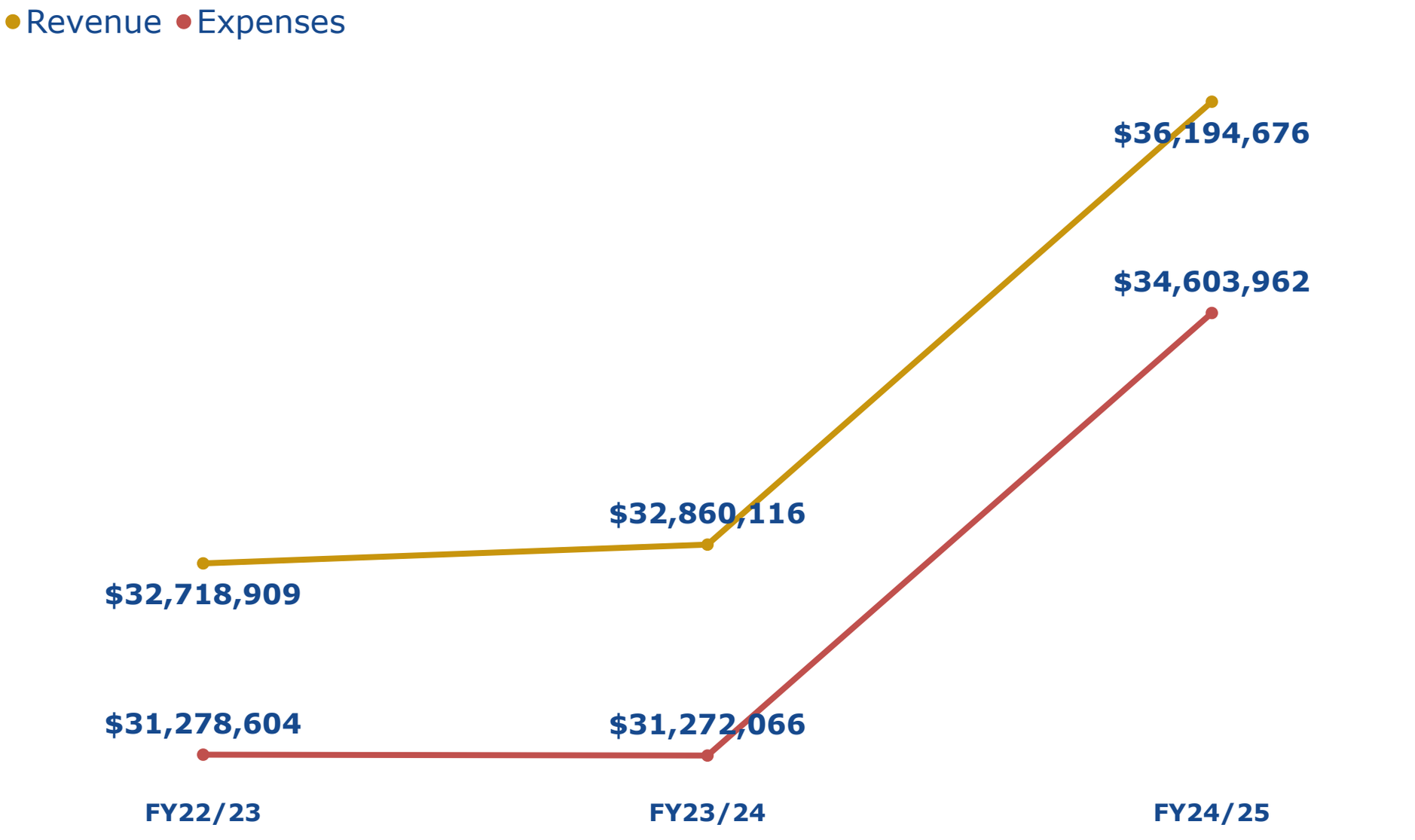
Financial information as reported by Intacct on June 30th of the last three fiscal years (2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25). If a data point is zero (0), then the parish experiences zero or did not submit information.

Collections: Funds received as weekly offerings (envelopes, online, loose), Christmas, Holy Days and other marked offerings given.
Other Revenue: All other Operating and Non-Operating funds received, such as donations, event fees, and interest.
Salary & Benefits Expense: Costs related to employee compensation, including wages, payroll taxes, pension, health insurance, and other benefits.
Contractor Expense: Costs related to contractors providing a service to the parish/school, such as Administrative Services and Janitorial.
Facilities Expense: Costs related to building expenses, utilities, and telecommunications.
Other Expense: All other operating expenses not included in the previous categories.
Capital Expense: Costs related to major repairs, renovations and other major building related purchases.
Net Income: Total Revenue minus Total Expenses (includes both Operating and Non-Operating).
Parish Subsidy: Calculated based on the net loss for the school operating unit (Elementary and/or High School).
Parish Tuition Scholarships: Funds donated to an external Catholic school for the purpose of student scholarships.
Cash: The reconciled checking account balance.
Unrestricted Savings: The sum of the unrestricted Detroit Catholic Parishes & Schools Trust account balances.
Endowments: Long-Term investments for the purpose of generating interest income to support operations over time. The endowments are limited to a 5.25% annual distribution.
Donor Restricted Trust: The sum of the restricted Detroit Catholic Parishes & Schools Trust account balances.
Bills Due: Amounts owed to vendors for goods and services received/ordered by not yet paid for.
Payable Loans: Amounts owed to lenders or financial institutions (Archdiocese of Detroit) that must be repaid over time, often with interest.
Other Liabilities: Other amounts owed by the parish/school, including any tuition collected prior to the start of the school year.

Planning Area Financial Trend



Revenue Summary (FY 24/25)

Parish Name	Collections	Rental Income	Fundraising	Tuition & Fees	Other	Total Revenue
Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish	$3,270,190	$1,450	$404,624	$2,917,398	$1,223,094	$7,816,756
Our Lady of Loretto Parish	$291,961	$315,455	$31,443	$0	$72,331	$711,189
Our Lady of Victory Parish	$2,030,860	$0	$170,912	$3,229,875	$2,258,617	$7,690,264
Resurrection Parish	$406,990	$0	$14,609	$3,491	$63,864	$488,954
St. Aidan Parish	$853,292	$1,950	$163,677	$770	$310,743	$1,330,433
St. Colette Parish	$1,017,644	$600	$13,060	$16,715	$164,750	$1,212,769
St. Edith Parish	$1,379,038	$1,050	$206,834	$1,174,835	$313,606	$3,075,363
St. Genevieve - St. Maurice Parish	$591,914	$67,100	$109,874	$2,262	$78,106	$849,256
St. John Neumann Parish	$1,329,910	$0	$244,671	$0	$128,425	$1,703,005
St. John XXIII Parish	$291,738	$142,478	$58,426	$0	$61,375	$554,017
St. Kenneth Parish	$1,873,097	$0	$534,937	$16,680	$213,900	$2,638,615
St. Michael Parish	$1,198,597	$0	$230,174	$2,496,245	$631,780	$4,556,796
St. Priscilla Parish	$361,505	$0	$10,278	$1,050	$58,297	$431,130
St. Thomas a'Becket Parish	$1,548,737	$0	$44,168	$36,072	$104,890	$1,733,867
St. Valentine Parish	$571,865	$37,421	$38,084	$599,324	$155,568	$1,402,263

Expense Summary (FY 24/25)

Parish Name	Salary & Benefits	Contractors	Facilities	Other	Capital Expenditures	Total Expenses
Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish	$4,161,170	$224,702	$893,513	$1,173,649	$622,808	$7,075,841
Our Lady of Loretto Parish	$240,628	$43,177	$278,296	$135,351	$92,043	$789,495
Our Lady of Victory Parish	$3,924,326	$126,420	$557,679	$865,762	$1,099,948	$6,574,136
Resurrection Parish	$209,877	$19,646	$79,375	$61,825	$43,780	$414,503
St. Aidan Parish	$586,206	$30,576	$200,635	$223,425	$46,979	$1,087,821
St. Colette Parish	$677,818	$56,662	$255,659	$295,335	$55,273	$1,340,747
St. Edith Parish	$1,813,518	$117,683	$382,729	$602,394	$139,298	$3,055,622
St. Genevieve - St. Maurice Parish	$291,881	$53,945	$238,265	$184,843	$264,530	$1,033,465
St. John Neumann Parish	$757,231	$89,615	$163,020	$298,520	$591,441	$1,899,828
St. John XXIII Parish	$210,129	$55,366	$114,427	$80,609	$165,715	$626,246
St. Kenneth Parish	$648,558	$165,425	$249,519	$916,733	$202,068	$2,182,303
St. Michael Parish	$2,972,249	$188,737	$706,185	$715,648	$333,628	$4,916,446
St. Priscilla Parish	$287,795	$17,631	$99,319	$58,510	$23,691	$486,947
St. Thomas a'Becket Parish	$728,240	$48,704	$231,937	$254,471	$271,697	$1,535,049
St. Valentine Parish	$868,140	$80,145	$246,577	$158,284	$232,367	$1,585,513

Revenue and Expenses Trend

Fiscal Year	FY22/23			FY23/24			FY24/25		
Parish Name	Revenue	Expenses	Net Surplus (Deficit)	Revenue	Expenses	Net Surplus (Deficit)	Revenue	Expenses	Net Surplus (Deficit)
Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish	$6,865,688	$6,272,527	$593,161	$6,920,067	$6,684,380	$235,688	$7,816,756	$7,075,841	$740,915
Our Lady of Loretto Parish	$731,477	$713,595	$17,882	$906,312	$801,486	$104,827	$711,189	$789,495	($78,306)
Our Lady of Victory Parish	$5,739,339	$5,175,439	$563,900	$5,829,228	$5,647,503	$181,725	$7,690,264	$6,574,136	$1,116,128
Resurrection Parish	$482,798	$413,524	$69,274	$439,128	$391,240	$47,888	$488,954	$414,503	$74,451
St. Aidan Parish	$1,023,478	$1,238,096	($214,618)	$1,118,509	$1,108,474	$10,035	$1,330,433	$1,087,821	$242,612
St. Colette Parish	$1,585,045	$1,227,172	$357,872	$1,201,243	$1,138,763	$62,480	$1,212,769	$1,340,747	($127,977)
St. Edith Parish	$2,882,255	$3,021,931	($139,676)	$2,904,031	$3,170,609	($266,578)	$3,075,363	$3,055,622	$19,741
St. Genevieve - St. Maurice Parish	$804,331	$699,049	$105,283	$858,123	$696,951	$161,172	$849,256	$1,033,465	($184,209)
St. John Neumann Parish	$1,332,880	$1,474,176	($141,296)	$1,623,130	$1,282,614	$340,516	$1,703,005	$1,899,828	($196,823)
St. John XXIII Parish	$446,057	$495,864	($49,807)	$476,212	$404,415	$71,797	$554,017	$626,246	($72,229)
St. Kenneth Parish	$2,314,154	$2,233,026	$81,129	$2,522,023	$1,951,415	$570,609	$2,638,615	$2,182,303	$456,312
St. Michael Parish	$4,542,691	$4,522,489	$20,202	$4,369,790	$4,629,187	($259,398)	$4,556,796	$4,916,446	($359,650)
St. Priscilla Parish	$433,790	$458,834	($25,044)	$427,885	$442,709	($14,824)	$431,130	$486,947	($55,817)
St. Thomas a'Becket Parish	$1,698,984	$1,862,942	($163,958)	$1,723,837	$1,487,198	$236,639	$1,733,867	$1,535,049	$198,818
St. Valentine Parish	$1,835,941	$1,469,941	$366,000	$1,540,597	$1,435,123	$105,474	$1,402,263	$1,585,513	($183,251)

Asset & Liability Summary (FY 24/25)

Parish Name	Unrestricted Cash/Savings	Restricted Savings	Bills Due	Payable Loans	Net Equity
Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish	$5,100,995	$309,398	$166,860	$836,832	$4,151,235
Our Lady of Loretto Parish	$932,292	$0	$5,733	$0	$986,888
Our Lady of Victory Parish	$7,375,638	$0	$69,504	$0	$5,849,563
Resurrection Parish	$479,926	$5	$2,901	$0	$780,677
St. Aidan Parish	$478,291	$5,888	($0)	$0	$1,222,889
St. Colette Parish	$2,258,251	$0	$0	$0	$2,261,355
St. Edith Parish	$1,327,726	$0	($258)	$0	$1,124,207
St. Genevieve - St. Maurice Parish	$576,221	$0	($0)	$0	$870,794
St. John Neumann Parish	$317,267	$0	$15,243	$0	$269,934
St. John XXIII Parish	$722,285	$0	$16,675	$0	$771,812
St. Kenneth Parish	$2,495,205	$0	$58,092	$0	$2,508,747
St. Michael Parish	$1,703,897	$0	$73,010	$0	$219,404
St. Priscilla Parish	$594,560	$0	$0	$0	$594,335
St. Thomas a'Becket Parish	$2,648,185	$0	$22,794	$0	$2,585,036
St. Valentine Parish	$697,823	$0	$106,102	$0	$667,030

Section Three

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish

Plymouth

Parish History

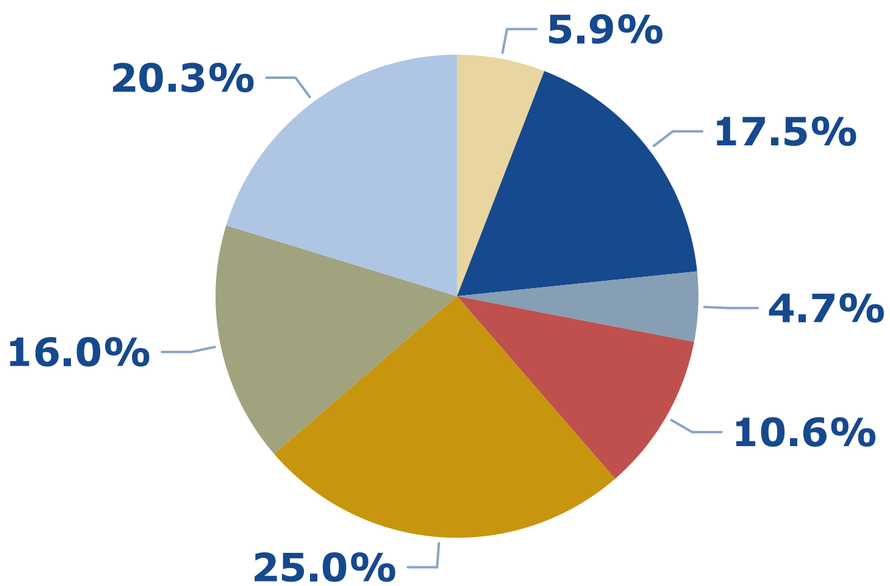
Founded in 1920, Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish in Plymouth continues to be a vibrant and evolving faith community. A new church campus was built in 2000, separating the church and school into two properties. In 2017, the parish expanded its facilities with a community center featuring a gymnasium, walking track, and meeting rooms, followed by a sanctuary renovation in 2019. A 24/7 adoration chapel opened in 2020. Over the past 20 years the parish has embraced the New Evangelization, launching Alpha in 2013 and transforming its ministry model to focus on encounter, discipleship, and gracious hospitality. This shift led to the creation of new ministries and an emphasis on small group formation and worship.

Our Lady of Good Counsel exists to offer everyone a life-changing encounter with Jesus. Since the pandemic, the parish continues to support manifold ministries and generous outreach through evangelical charity. The parish partners with St. Aloysius parish in Detroit to provide direct assistance to those most in need. Additionally, Our Lady of Good Counsel remains committed to its sister parish in Uganda, St. Kizito, providing substantial financial and spiritual support. And Our Lady of Good Counsel is blessed with a healthy and vibrant school (Pre-K-8), which forms its students in virtue and as disciples who will give witness in the world. Known for its commitment to evangelization and witness, the parish continues to be a beacon of faith and mercy.

US Census Data (Parish Boundary)

Age

- Under 5
- 5-19
- 20-24
- 25-34
- 35-54
- 55-64
- 65+



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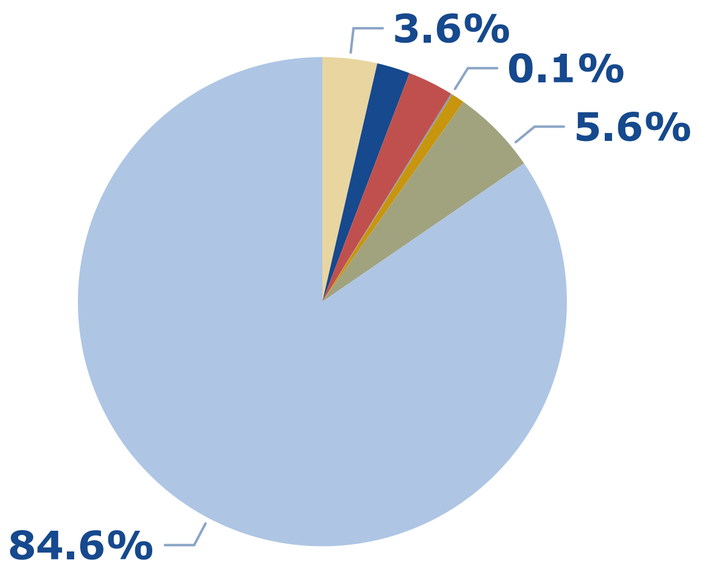
Median Age

Race/Ethnicity

- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Black/African American
- Hispanic/Latino
- Native American
- Other Race
- Two or More Races
- White

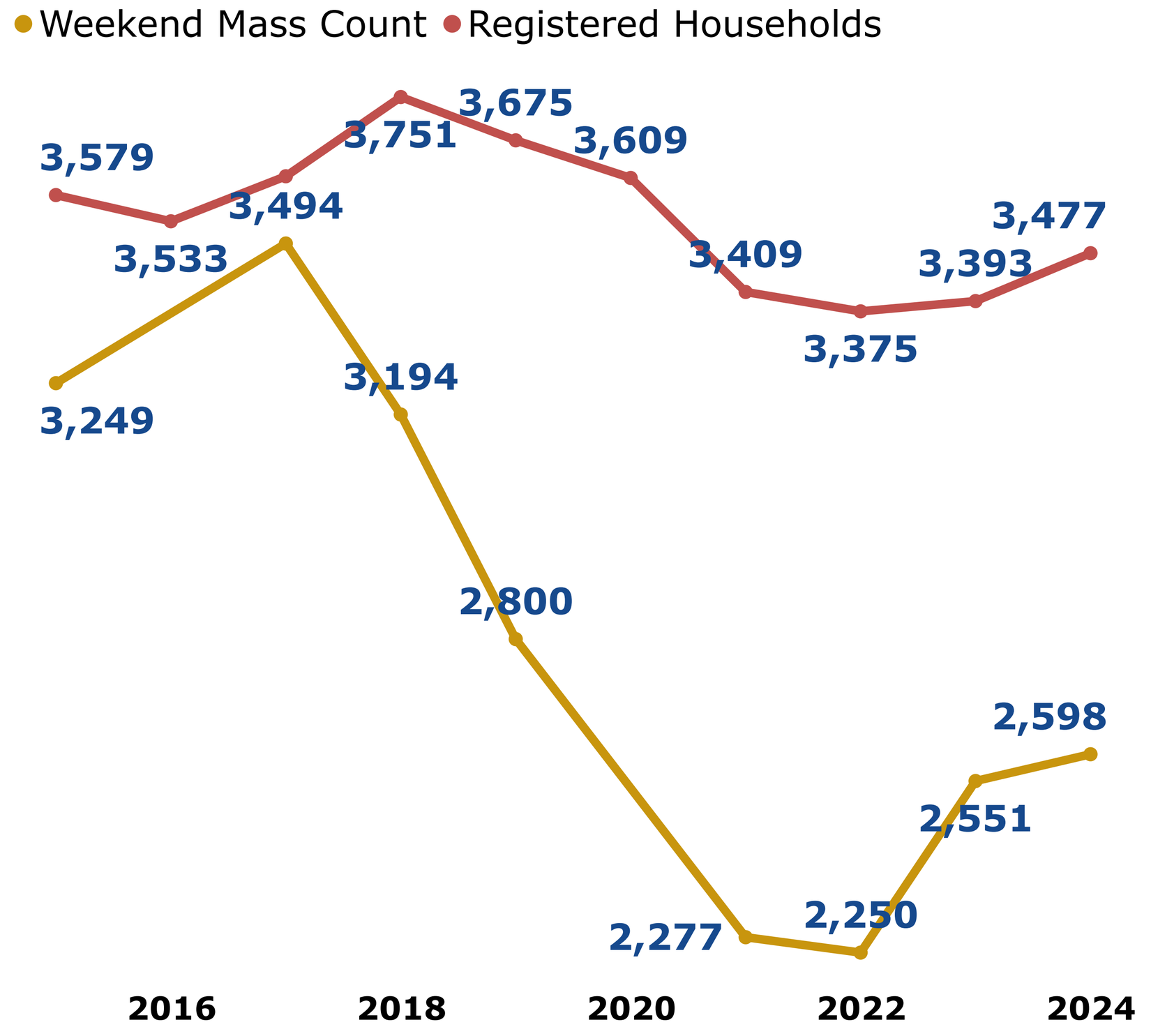


38,534

Total Population

Source: ACS 2023 (5 Year Average)

Worshipping Households



Number of worship sites

1

Number of weekend masses

5

Seating capacity

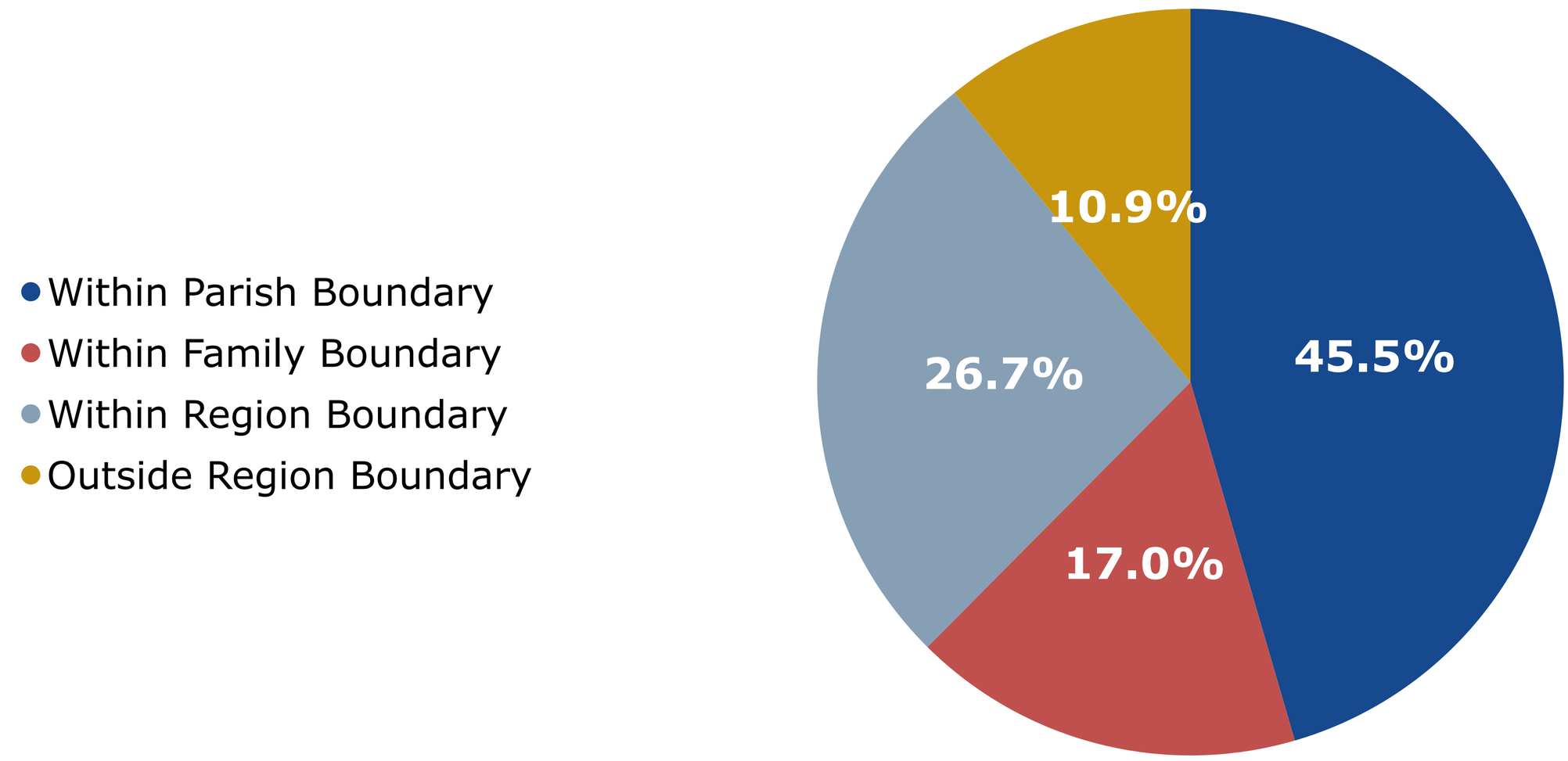
1500

Mass attendance as a percent of capacity

35%

Source: ParishSoft and Parish Reported to AOD

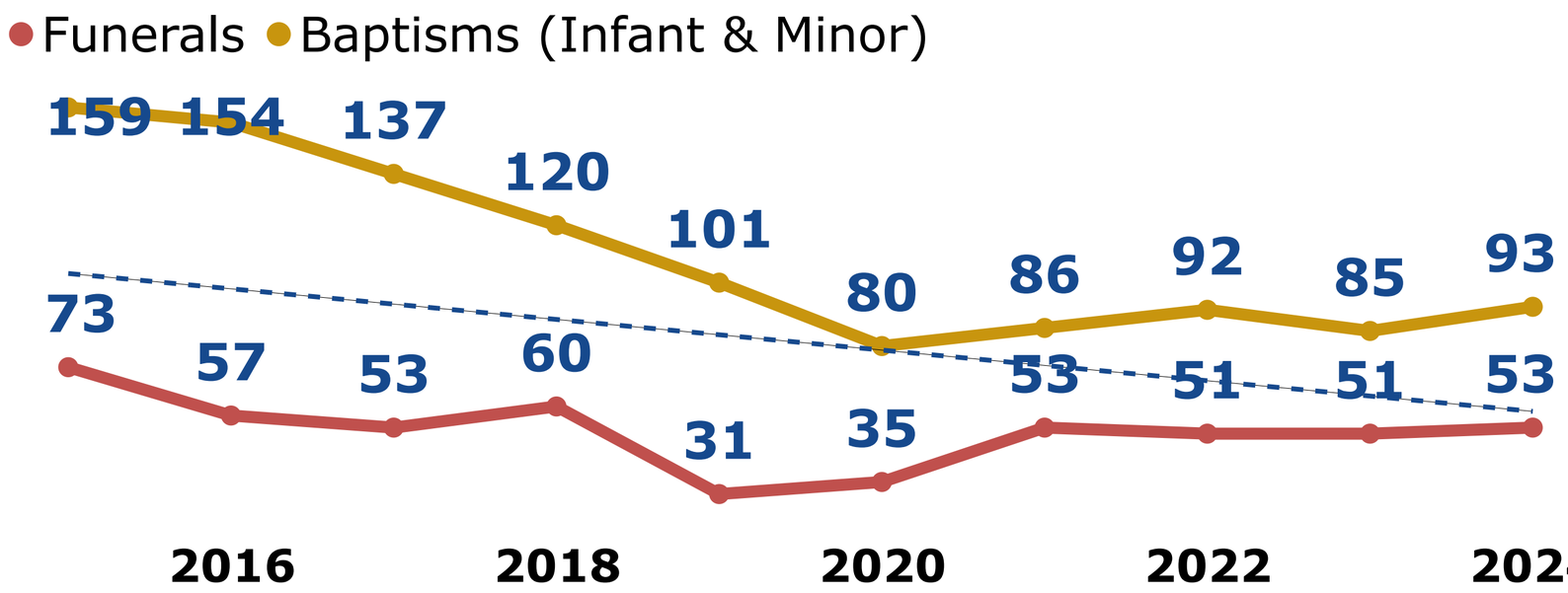
Where Parishioners Live



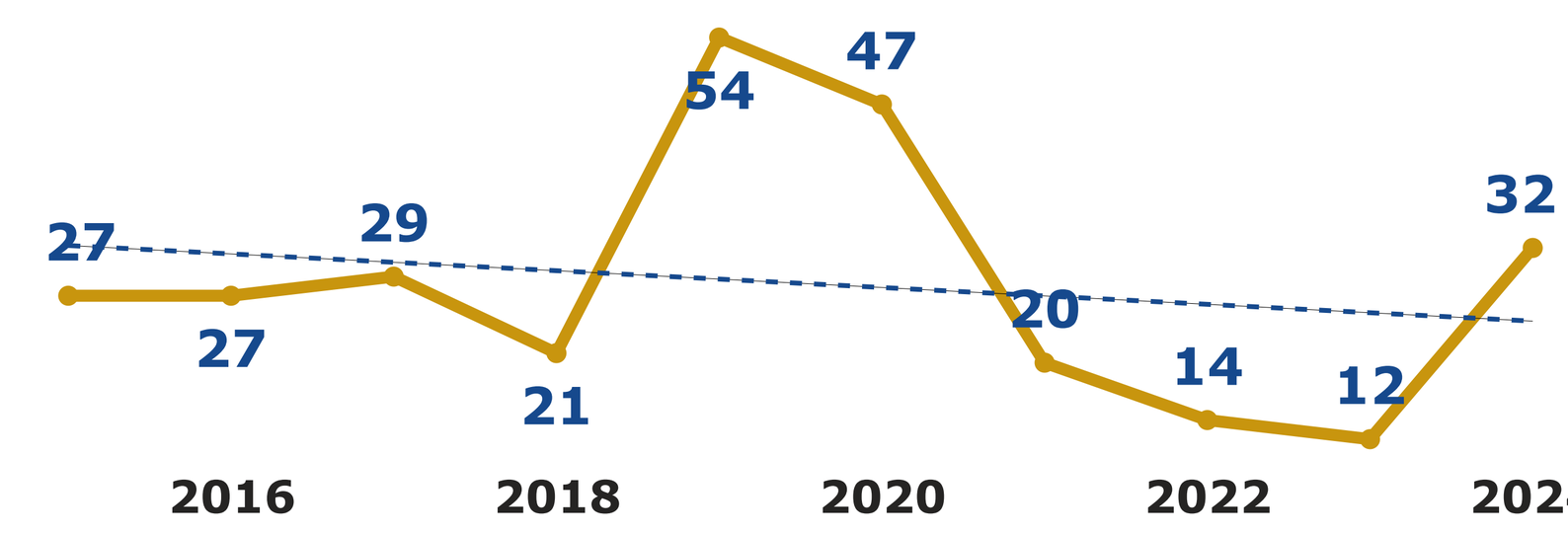
Source: ParishSoft

Sacraments of Life Trend

Funerals and Baptisms



Marriage Trend



Percent Change 2015-2024

Funerals
-27.4%

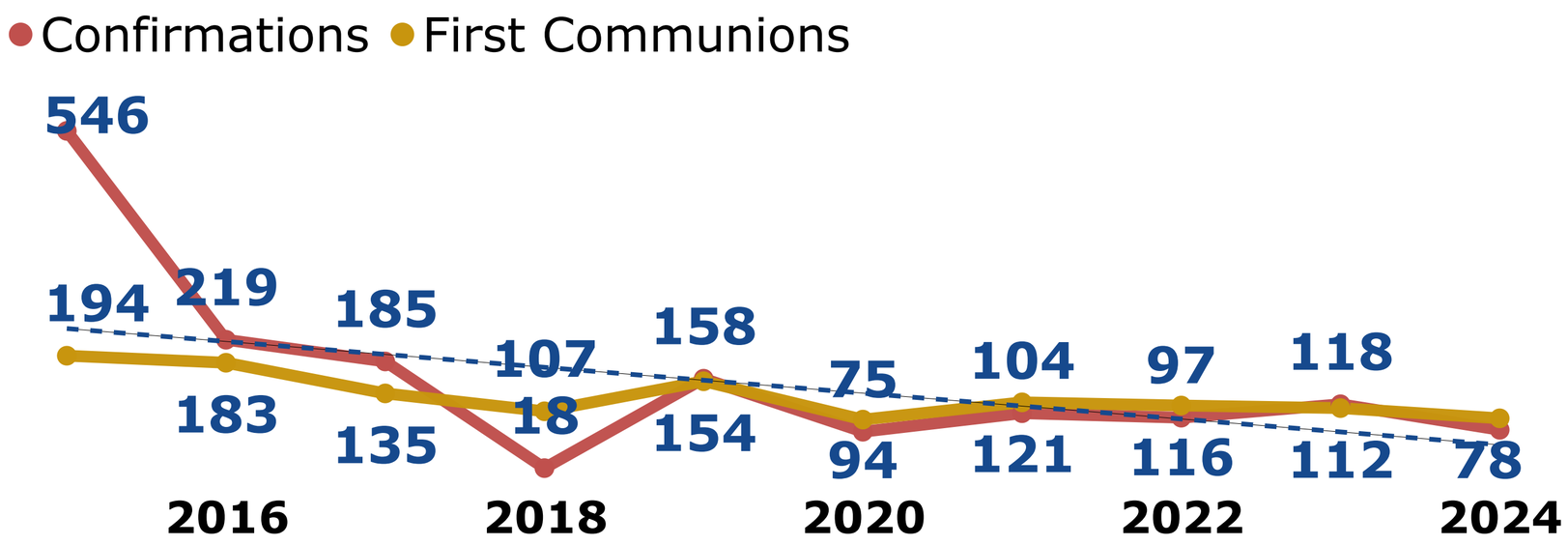
Infant & Minor Baptisms
-41.5%

Marriages
18.5%

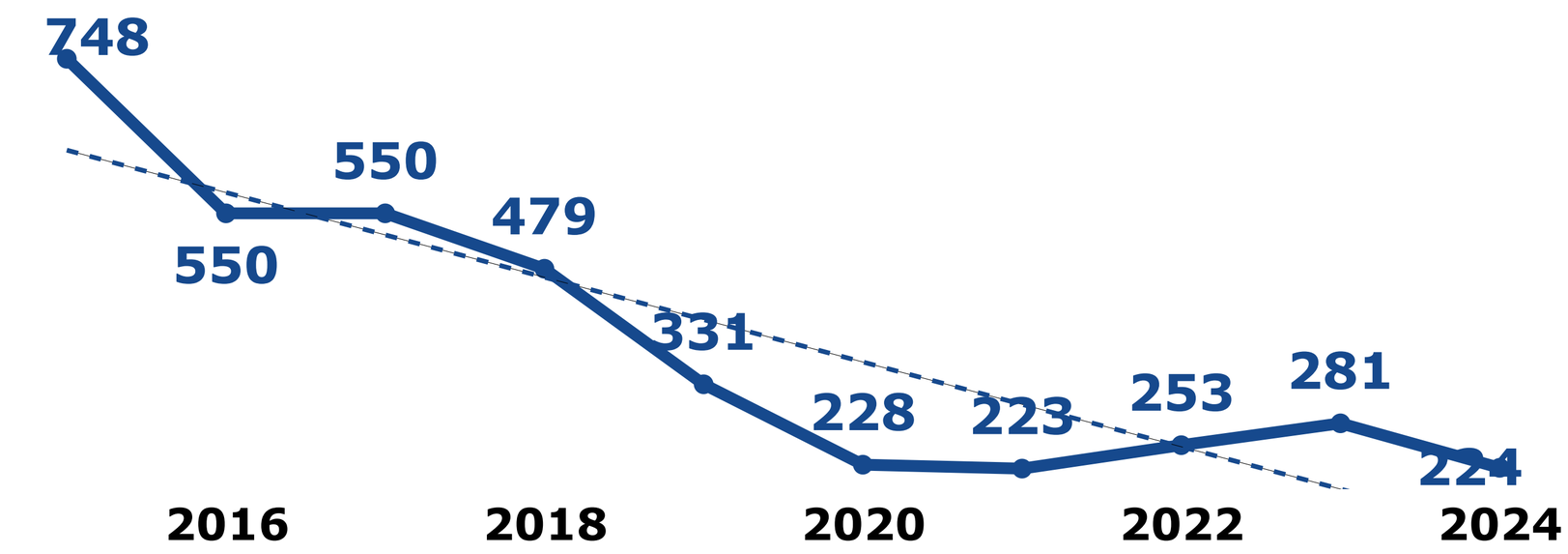
Source: Parish Reported to Official Catholic Directory

Youth Evangelization

Sacramental Trend



Religious Education Enrollment



*Parishes with a school may have included school religious education in the total enrollment number

Percent Change 2015-2024

Confirmations
-85.7%

First Communions
-50.5%

Religious Education
-70.1%

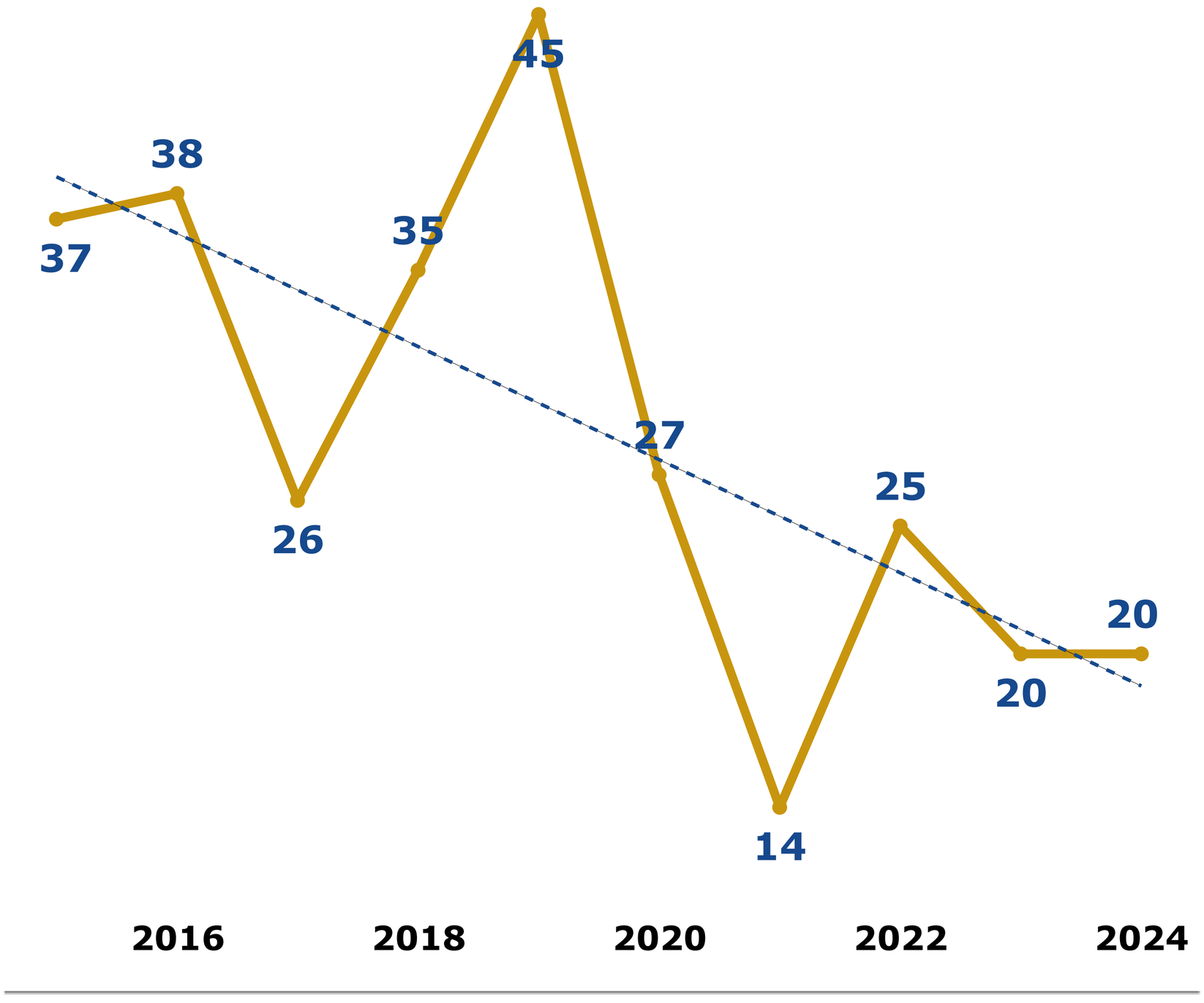
Note: Sacraments may have been registered in another parish hosting a FOP combined event

Source: Parish Reported to Official Catholic Directory

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Sacramental Trend

Total Full Communions, Catechumens, Adult Baptisms



Percent Change 2015-2024

Adult Sacraments

-45.9%

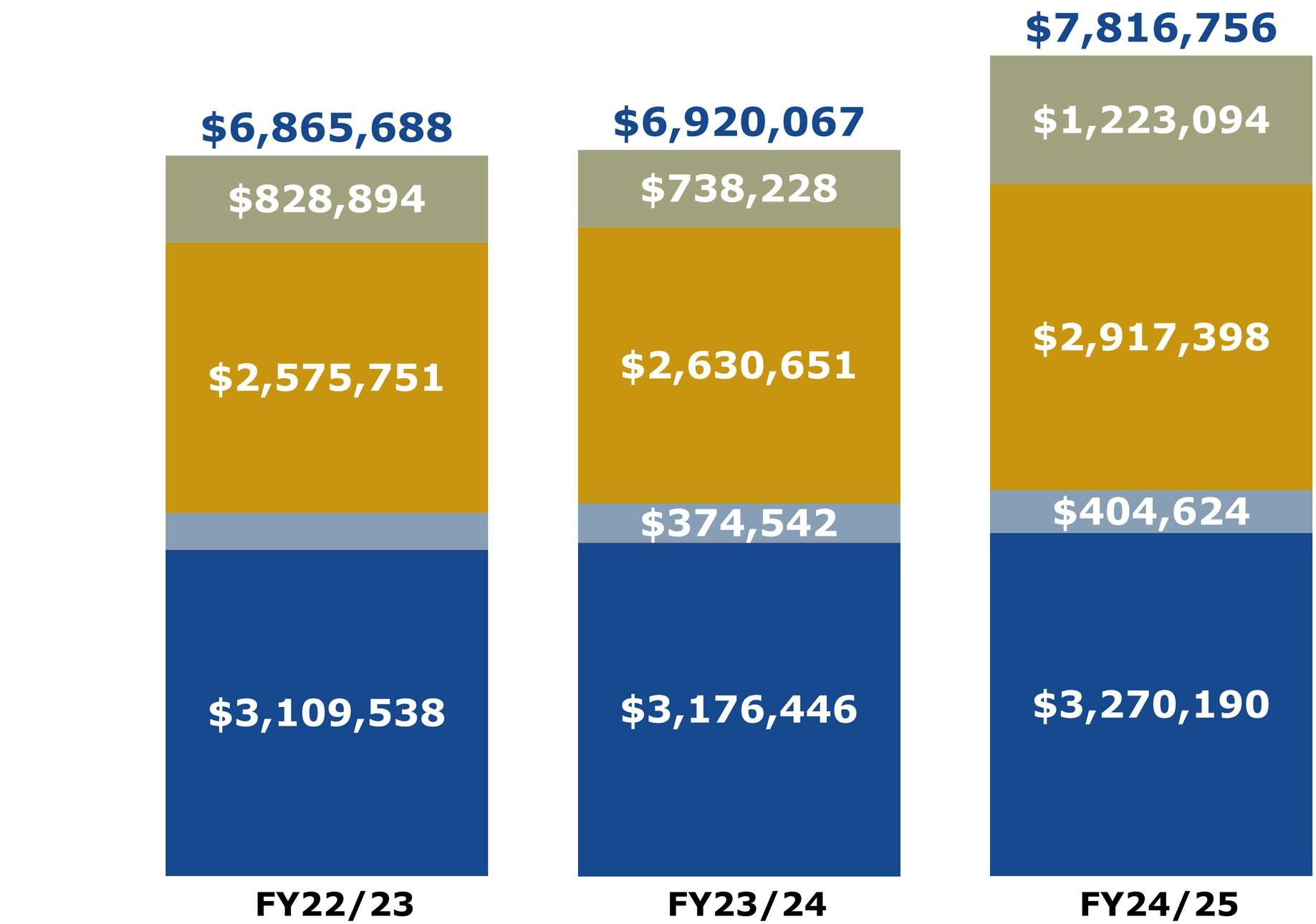
Note: Sacraments may have been registered in another parish hosting a FOP combined event

Source: Parish Reported to Official Catholic Directory

Definitions of data fields appearing on the following pages are provided below.
Financial information as reported by Intacct on June 30th of the last three fiscal years (2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25). If a data point is zero (0), then the parish experiences zero or did not submit information.

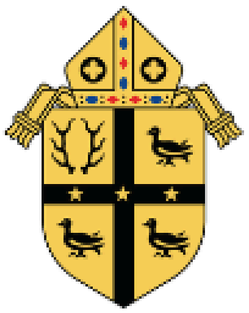
Collections: Funds received as weekly offerings (envelopes, online, loose), Christmas, Holy Days and other marked offerings given.
Other Revenue: All other Operating and Non-Operating funds received, such as donations, event fees, and interest.
Salary & Benefits Expense: Costs related to employee compensation, including wages, payroll taxes, pension, health insurance, and other benefits.
Contractor Expense: Costs related to contractors providing a service to the parish/school, such as Administrative Services and Janitorial.
Facilities Expense: Costs related to building expenses, utilities, and telecommunications.
Other Expense: All other operating expenses not included in the previous categories.
Capital Expense: Costs related to major repairs, renovations and other major building related purchases.
Net Income: Total Revenue minus Total Expenses (includes both Operating and Non-Operating).
Parish Subsidy: Calculated based on the net loss for the school operating unit (Elementary and/or High School).
Parish Tuition Scholarships: Funds donated to an external Catholic school for the purpose of student scholarships.
Cash: The reconciled checking account balance.
Unrestricted Savings: The sum of the unrestricted Detroit Catholic Parishes & Schools Trust account balances.
Endowments: Long-Term investments for the purpose of generating interest income to support operations over time. The endowments are limited to a 5.25% annual distribution.
Donor Restricted Trust: The sum of the restricted Detroit Catholic Parishes & Schools Trust account balances.
Bills Due: Amounts owed to vendors for goods and services received/ordered by not yet paid for.
Payable Loans: Amounts owed to lenders or financial institutions (Archdiocese of Detroit) that must be repaid over time, often with interest.
Other Liabilities: Other amounts owed by the parish/school, including any tuition collected prior to the start of the school year.

Revenue | 3 Year Trend

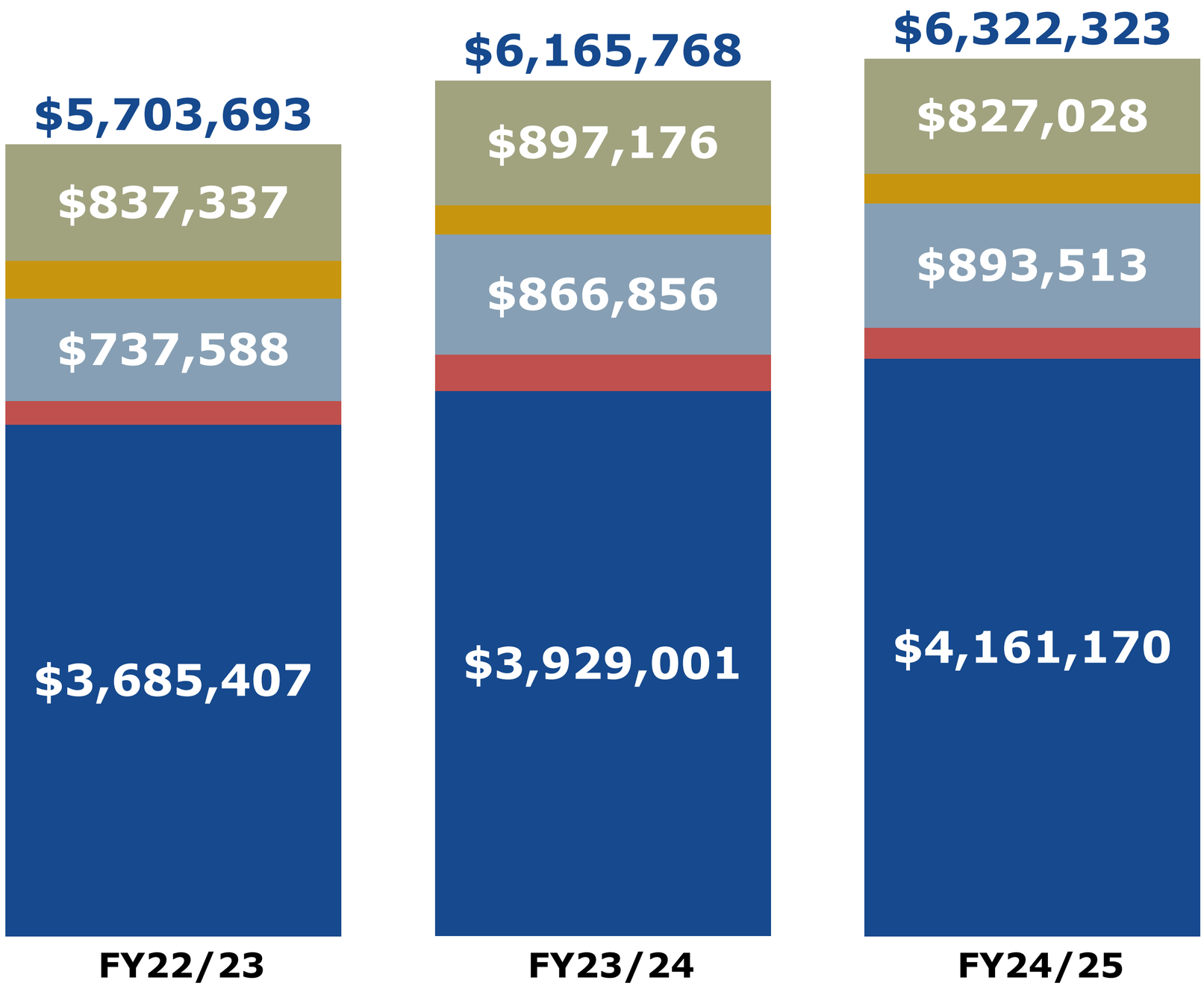


Source: Financial Data reported per Intacct on 9/16/2025

Operating Expenses | 3 Year Trend



● Salary & Benefits ● Contractors ● Facilities ● AOD Assessment ● Other



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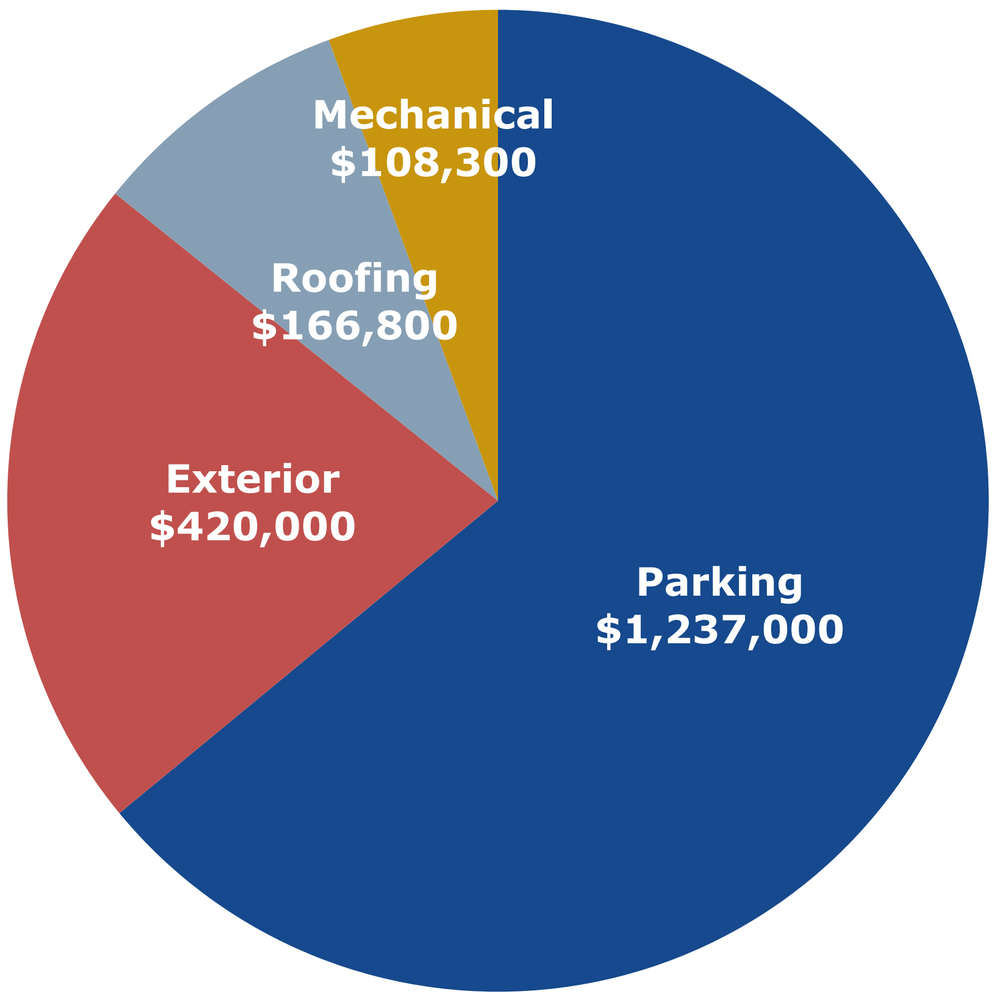
Parish Deferred Maintenance

Maintenance Required

$1,932,100

Total Estimated Cost



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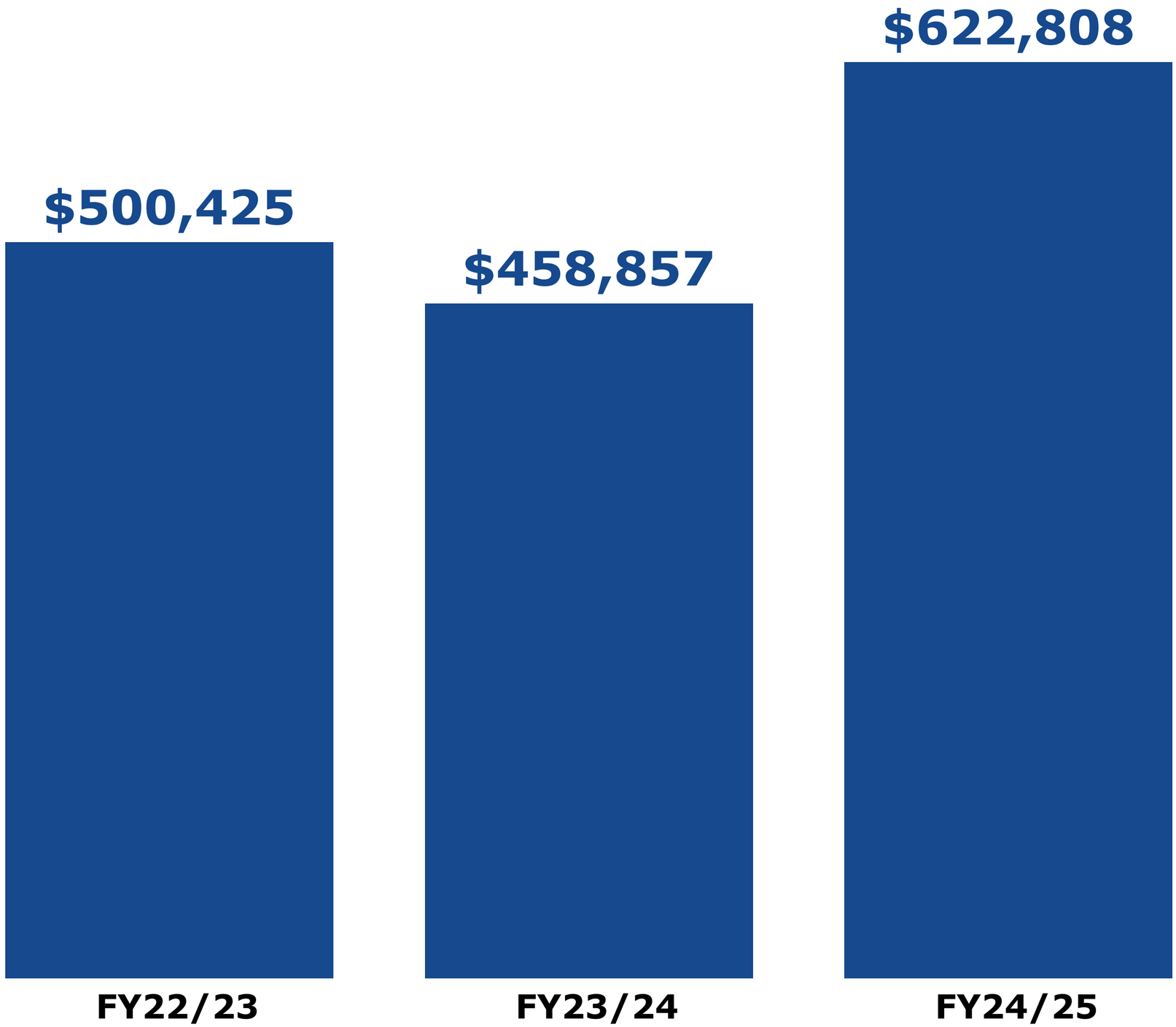
Evaluation Report Date

Source: Property Condition Evaluation

Capital Expenses | 3 Year Trend



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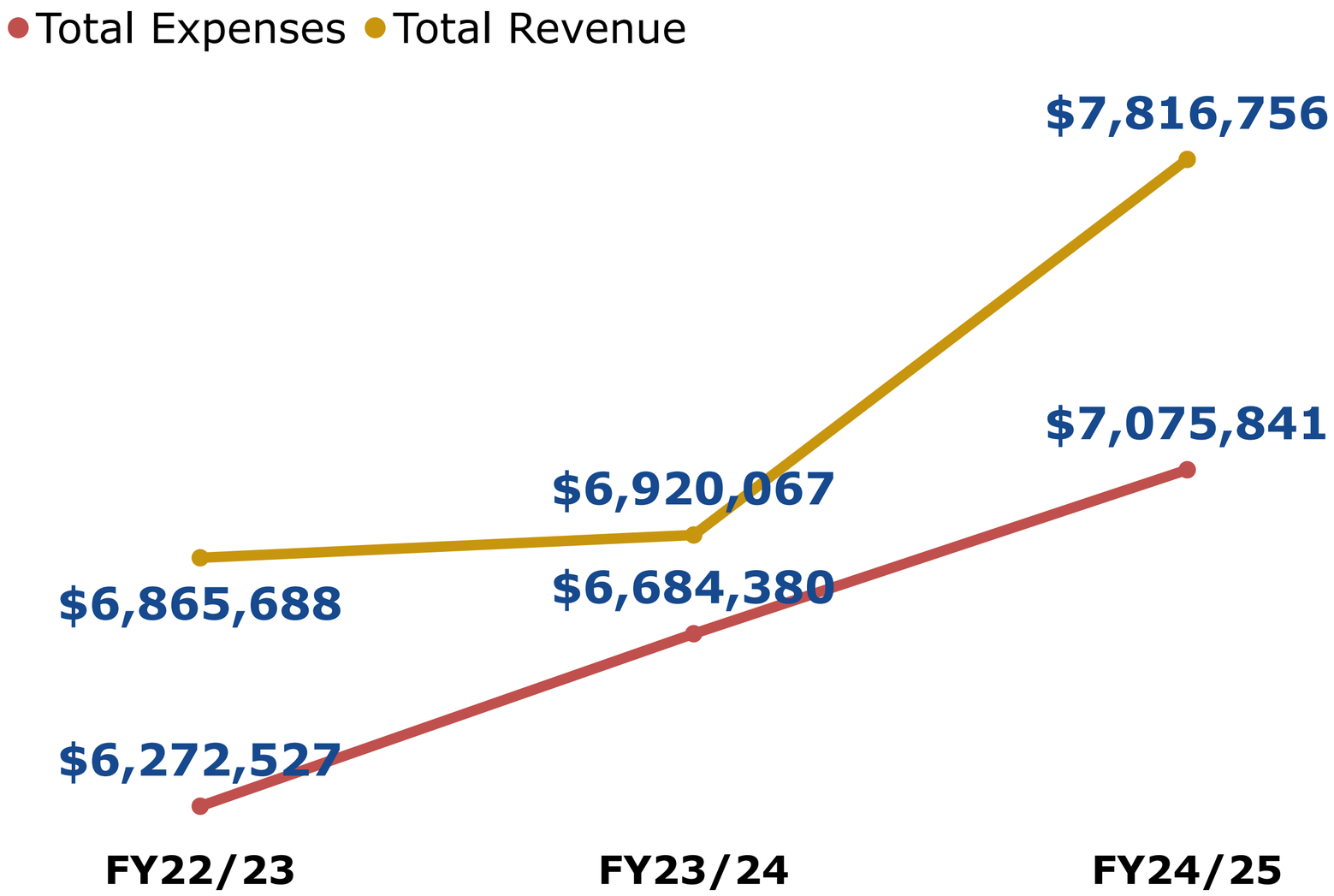
Revenue and Expenses



Net Income/(Deficit)

FY22/23	FY23/24	FY24/25
$593,161	$235,688	$740,915

The relationship between revenue and expense shows net surplus/(deficit).

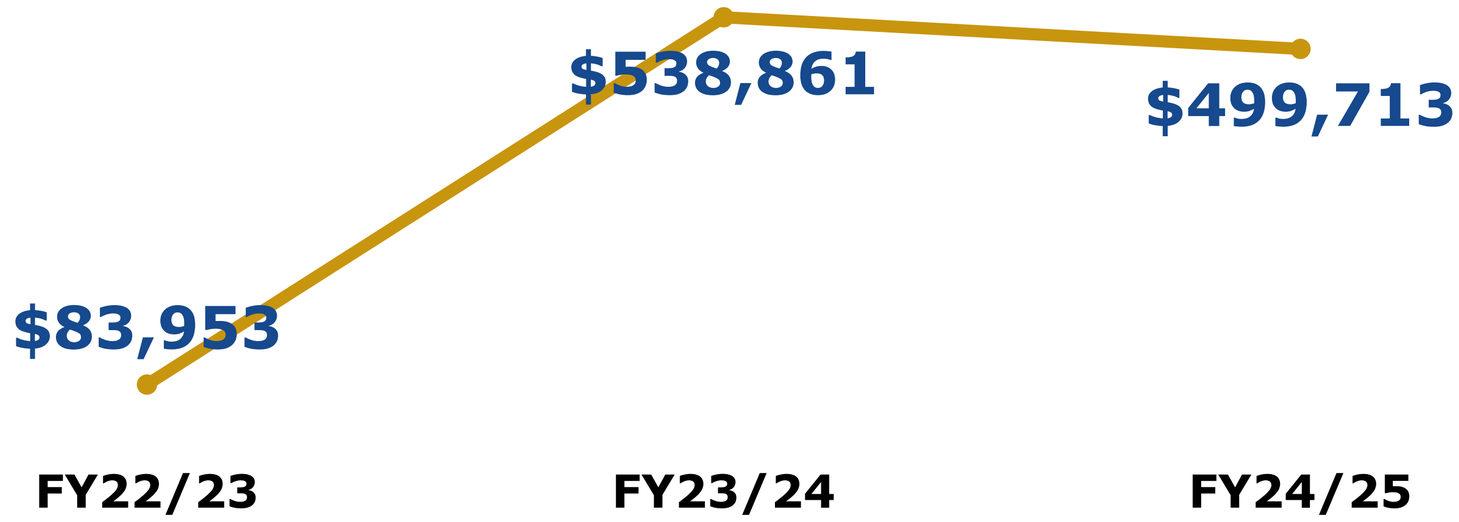
A higher yellow line (revenue) shows a positive net income in a given year.

A higher red line (expense) shows a negative net income in a given year.

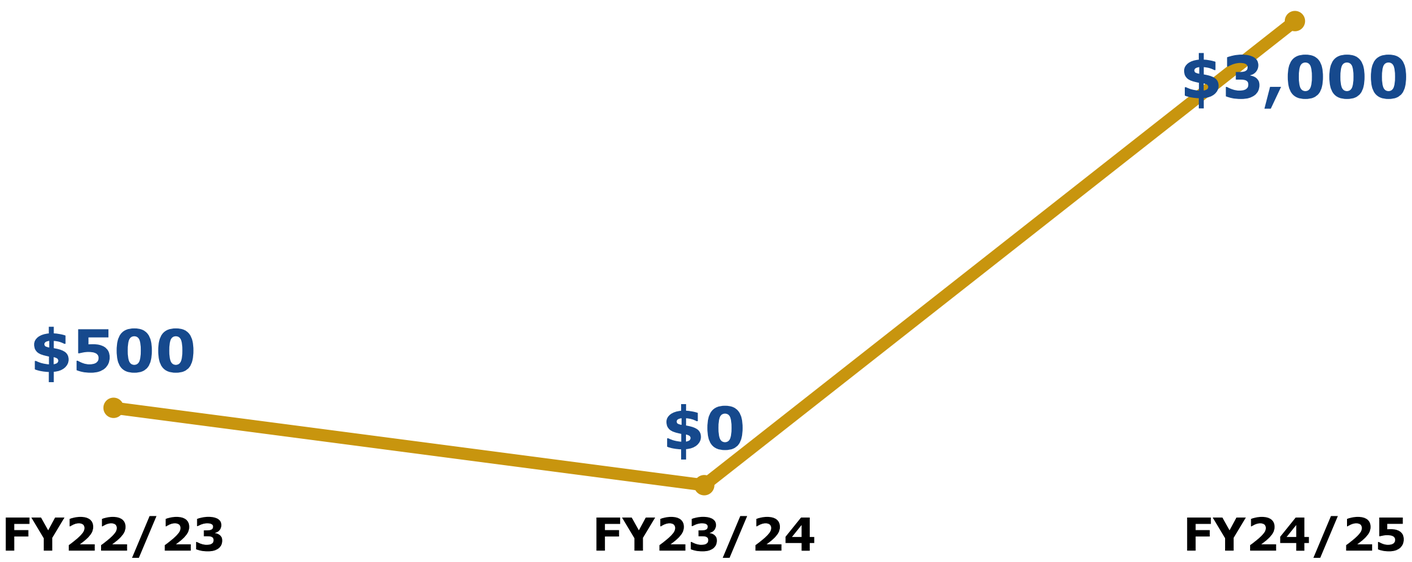
Source: Financial Data reported per Intacct on 9/16/2025

Catholic Education Investment

Parish Subsidy for Catholic School



Parish Tuition Scholarships



Parish subsidies fill the gap between tuition and school operating expenses for parishes with a school.

Parish Tuition Scholarships are parish funds used to help cover tuition costs for students attending Catholic Schools outside of the parish.

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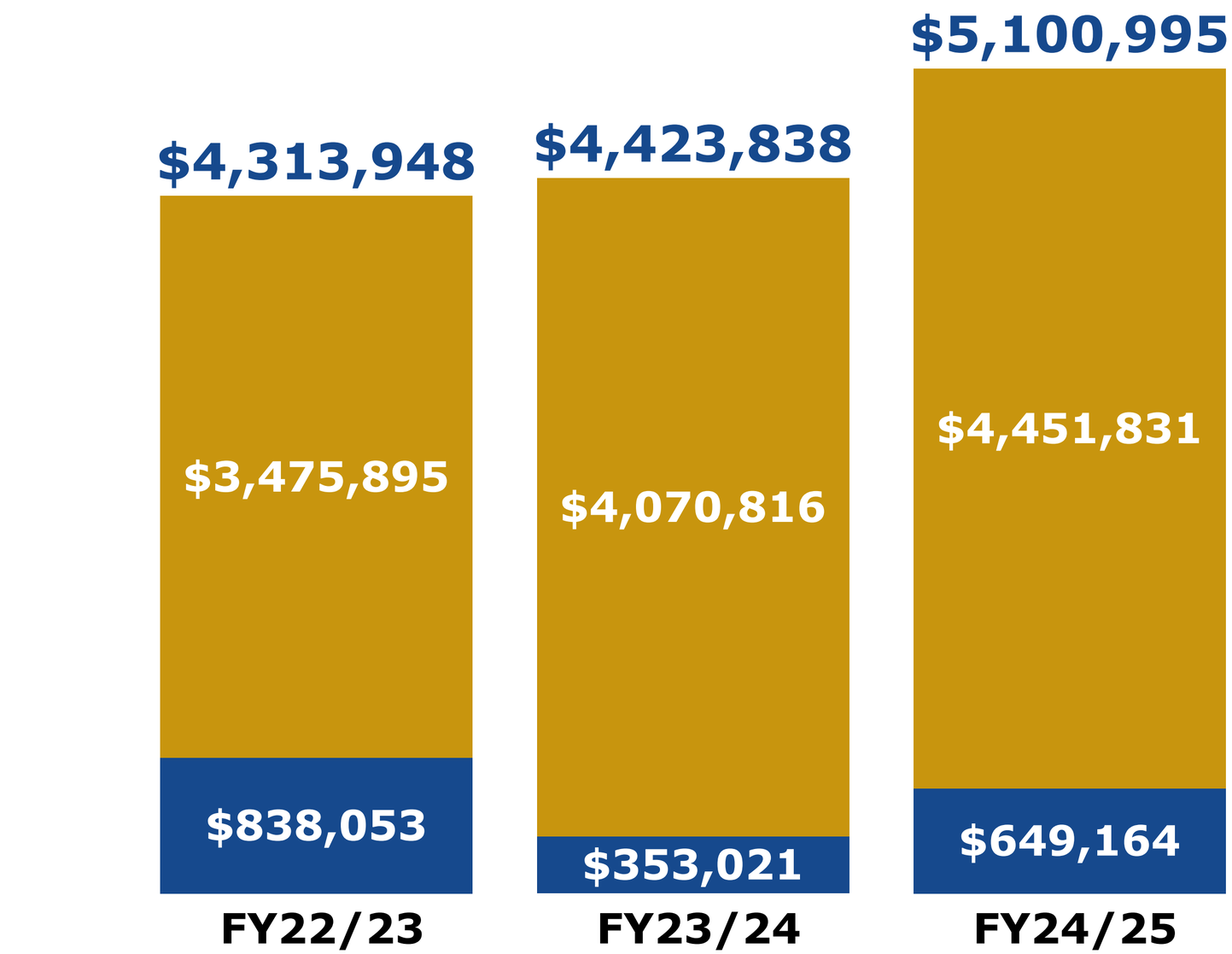
Savings & Investments Keys for Sustainability

Cash and Savings (Unrestricted)



An increase of cash and savings usually means the parish is doing well financially. It also means they are better prepared to handle surprise costs or tough times.

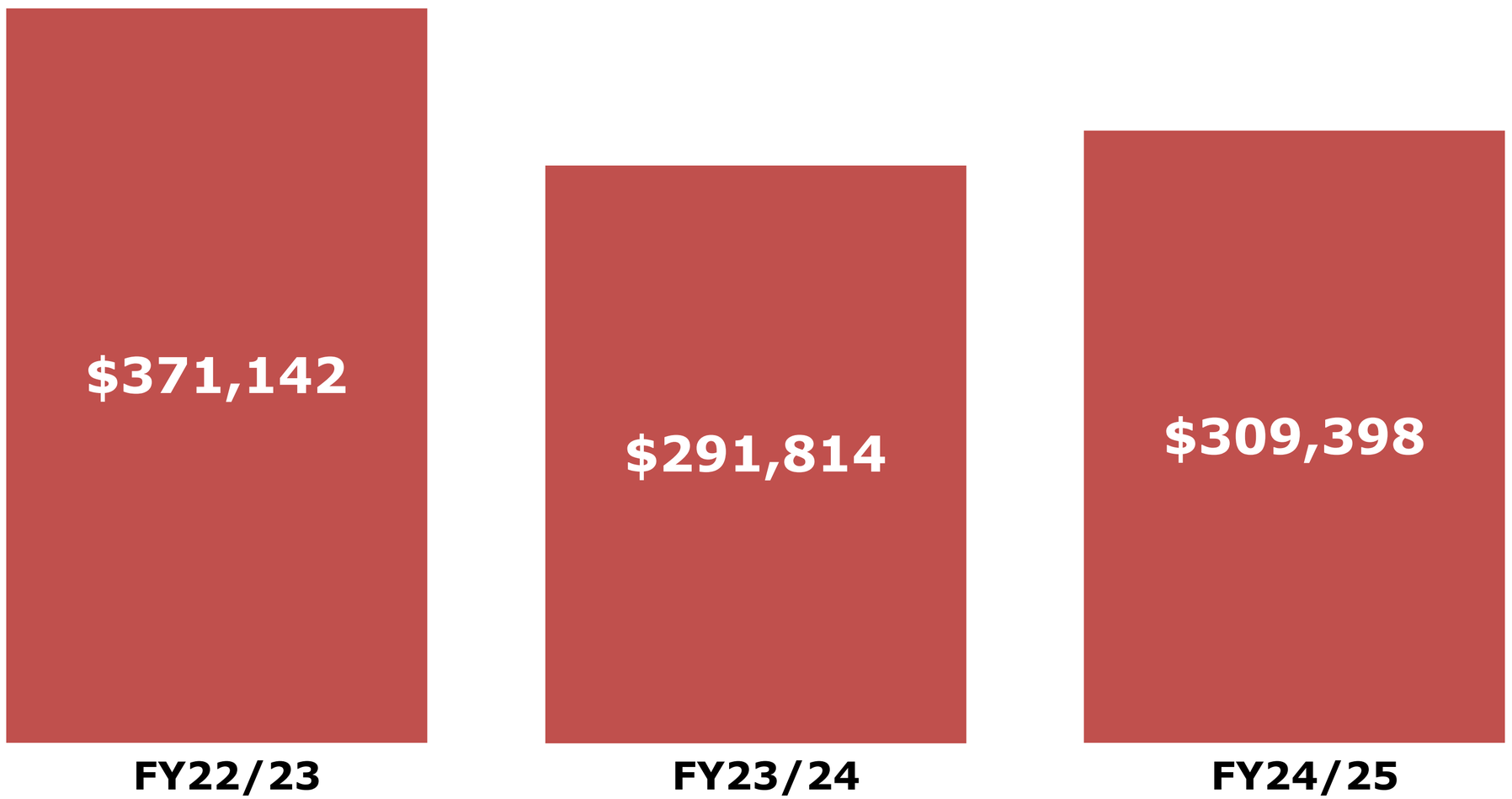
If cash and savings goes down, it may mean a parish is spending more, or collecting less. Having less cash can make it harder to deal with unexpected expenses. Sometimes, this drop is planned—like using savings for big projects or repairs.

Source: Financial Data reported per Intacct on 9/16/2025

Savings & Investments
Keys for Sustainability

Savings & Endowments (Restricted)

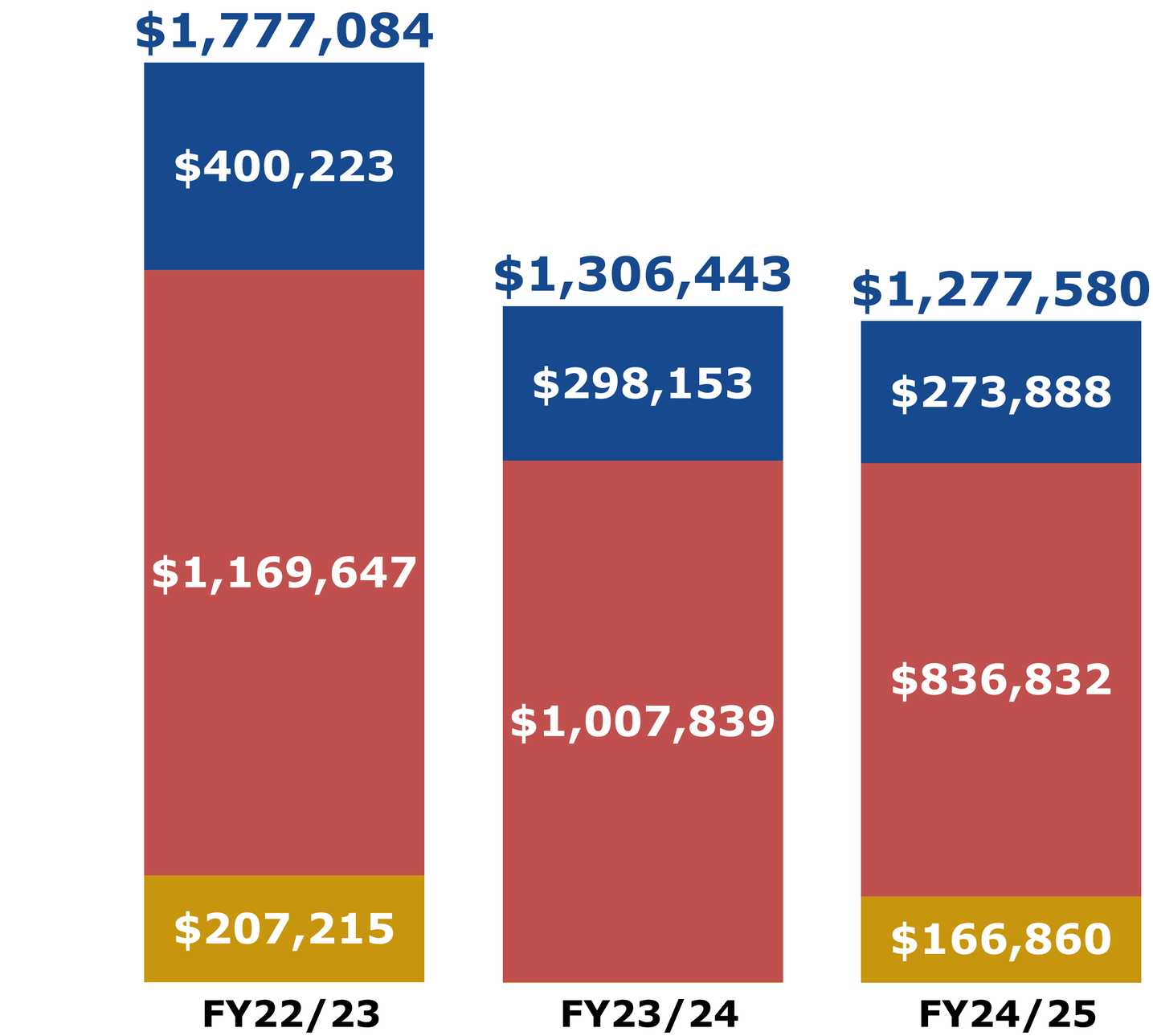
● Endowments ● Donor Restricted Trust



Note: AOD Endowments are limited to a 5.25% annual distribution

Source: Financial Data reported per Intacct on 9/16/2025

Debts and Liabilities



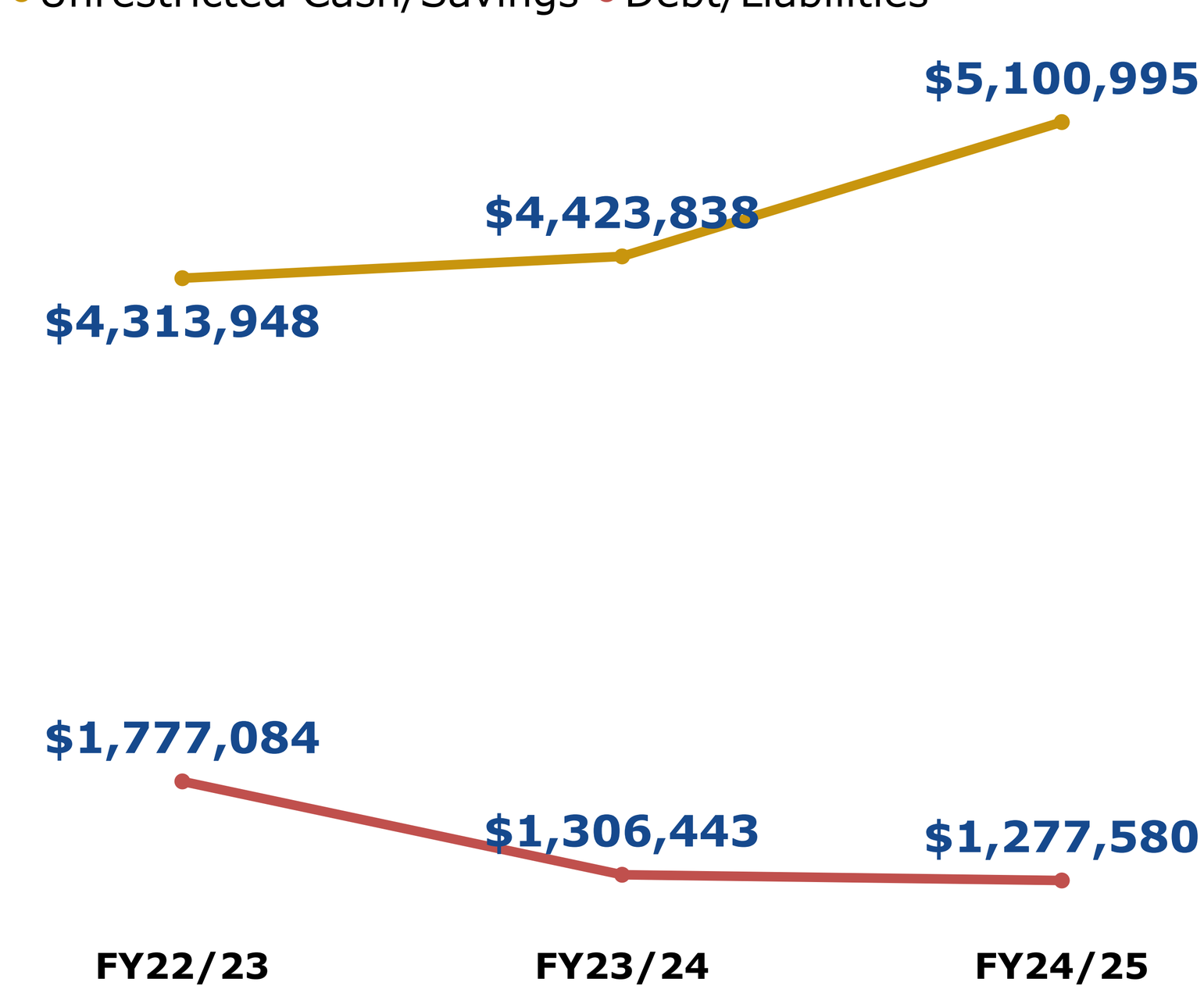
Debt going up, may mean a parish is having trouble with money or not bringing in enough cash. More debt also means more risk, especially if income isn't growing.

If debt is going down, that's usually a good sign. It means the parish is paying off what it owes and becoming more financially stable. It could also mean they're spending wisely and managing money better.

Source: Financial Data reported per Intacct on 9/16/2025

Assets and Liabilities

Relationship of Assets and Liabilities



The relationship between your Assets and Liabilities shows your net equity (net surplus/deficit) over time.

A higher **yellow** line (Unrestricted Cash/Savings) shows your parish holds more cash than you owe out.

A higher **red** line (liabilities) shows you owe more out than your parish holds in cash.

Note: Cash does not include any funds due, but not yet paid (e.g. Tuition Receivable)

Source: Financial Data reported per Intacct on 9/16/2025

Contextual Comments

In 2015 there is a very high Confirmation number, 546, reported. In that year, the parish combined three groups for confirmation (6th, 7th, 8th). That created an artificially high number that then significantly impacts directly the percentage decrease. The percentage decrease shown is a misrepresentation, and the context of that unique year (2015) should be taken into consideration.

In July 2025, Our Lady of Good Counsel completed its obligations for loan repayment to the AOD. The parish is now debt free.

The same is true for the 2015 religious education enrollment number, 748, reported. All students in the school, along with the parish religious formation, were counted together, making an artificially high number. We do not count the children in the school as part of the parish religious education numbers. Again, that year significantly impacts the percentage decrease and misrepresents it.